



## **MOWR Updates**

**The retention portion of the MOWR law is in place for the 2015-2016 school year.** That means 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students may be held back if they ***FFB or the equivalent level on the AzMERIT*** assessment.

Visit the AZ State Board of Education website for up to date MOWR information: <https://azsbe.az.gov/>  
Go to resources - Move on When Reading

This link provides revisions to the MOWR Law:  
<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/52leg/1r/adopted/s.1461edu.pdf>

The Board adopted the cut scores for the AZMerit on August 14. The AZMerit ELA scores are based on all components of ELA, being reading, language, and writing. The recommendation for the Board is to adopt an AzMERIT Grade 3 Reading Score that is equivalent to previous AIMS reading MOWR cut scores, and not include language or writing. We will keep you informed of the decision.

Revisions to Deer Valley's MOWR flow map were put on hold pending State decisions. The 2015-2016 MOWR flow map will be updated and shared in the next week. All MOWR documents are housed on the DVUSD Portal. Departments – Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment - Reading

### **MOWR Letter #1**

The 2015-2016 DVUSD MOWR (August) Letters #1 are attached. For the 2015-2016 school year, there are two required parent letters to be sent home in August/September. One letter is for all K-3 students and one for all 4th grade students. I have attached the English and Spanish versions. The Reading Specialists will be touching base with administrators for distribution of the letters. It is recommended that the letters to go home by the end of August (Monday), but should be sent home no later than Friday, 9/4/15.

### **ADE Connect**

The ADE Connect System has been updated and all school administrators can now enter the school Assessment Data and Literacy Plans into the ADE Connect system.

Instead of going to ADE to access ADE Connect, you can now quickly login to ADE Connect through your PowerSchool single sign-on. After logging into PowerSchool, press the blue box with the arrow in the top right hand corner. You can then click on ADEConnect. You can still access ADEConnect through ADE, but you will not need the ADEConnect Password if you sign in through PowerSchool.

ADE Connect Help Desk: 602-542-7378.

For the MOWR Assessment Data, we are using DIBELS Next and reporting the number of students that are "At Risk" according to the DIBELS Recommended Benchmarks. We look at the sub-skill that predominately measures literacy outcomes for the assessment period.

Fall sub-skills to report:

K = LNF

1st Grade = NWF CLS

2nd and 3rd Grade = DORF WRC.

A portion of the MOWR Literacy Plan asks for the Intervention Programs being used during Tier II and Tier III instruction. We need to ensure research based programs and practices are being used during these times. Examples of appropriate programs include: Reading Street RTI, My Sidewalks, Orton-Gillingham, Road to the Code, Six Minute Solution, LLI, Lina Mood – Bell Visualizing and Verbalizing or Seeing Stars, 95% Group, Phonics for Reading, PALS and Read Naturally. Examples of inappropriate interventions include RAZ Kids, Accelerated Reader or partner reading. These are effective structures for practice, but are not interventions. In most cases the intervention is driven by the teacher, however, there are some research based computer intervention programs.

Please contact your Reading Specialist for assistance in filling out your school Literacy Plan.

Deer Valley's internal deadline for schools to submit the MOWR Literacy Plans and Assessment data is 9/21. This provides enough time for me to review each plan and for schools to make revisions before the 10/1 ADE due date. If your plan is reviewed and sent back to you, I will write comments on the plan next to the portion that needs refinement. Please add any needed information and resubmit before 9/21.

### **Tagging in PowerSchool**

“At Risk” students should be tagged in PowerSchool. Your Reading Specialist will provide your registrar with a list of 1-3rd Grade "At Risk" students according to the DIBELS Recommended Benchmarks. If your Registrar has any questions about tagging, they can contact Vicki Boone.

### **ADE Connect & State Communications**

Please be aware, State Board Director of K-3 Reading, Sherry Zeeb sends communications to all administrators in the ADE Connect System. This means you may receive helpful MOWR updates, but you will also receive sample MOWR letters and submission due dates. As a district we take the sample letters and create uniform DVUSD letters to communicate with our parents. These letters will always be housed on the Portal. In addition, dates communicated from ADE Connect are always the dates that the aggregated data is due to ADE. We always set earlier dates to ensure we meet the required deadlines.

*Thank you for your efforts to keep our District in compliance with the MOWR legislation.*