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Today's Agenda

- Introduction of Mr. Ferguson, Esq.
- Academic Results
- How You Can Help
- Metal Detectors
- PAPER Online Tutoring
- New Worlds Reading Initiative
- Questions & Answers



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Mr. Edwin Ferguson, Esq. *An Introduction*

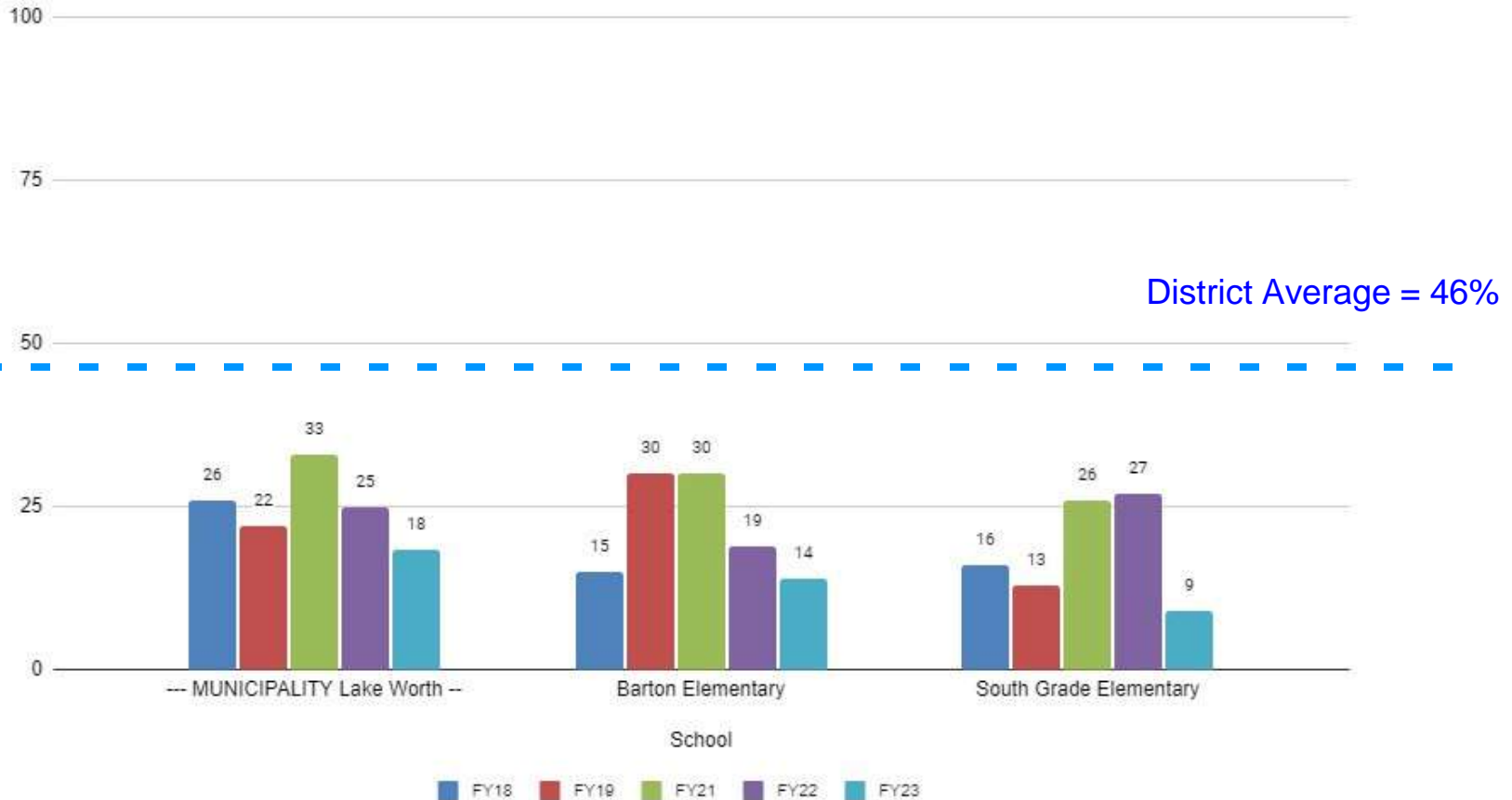
- Husband and Father
- Founder and President - The Ferguson Firm
- School Board Member for District 7



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FLICKRS/STAR Kindergarten Readiness



How to Help your Child Get Ready for Kindergarten

- [What Your Kindergartner Should Know](#) (ELA)
- [Parent Guide for Kindergarten Math](#)
- [Parent Guide for Kindergarten ELA Standards](#)

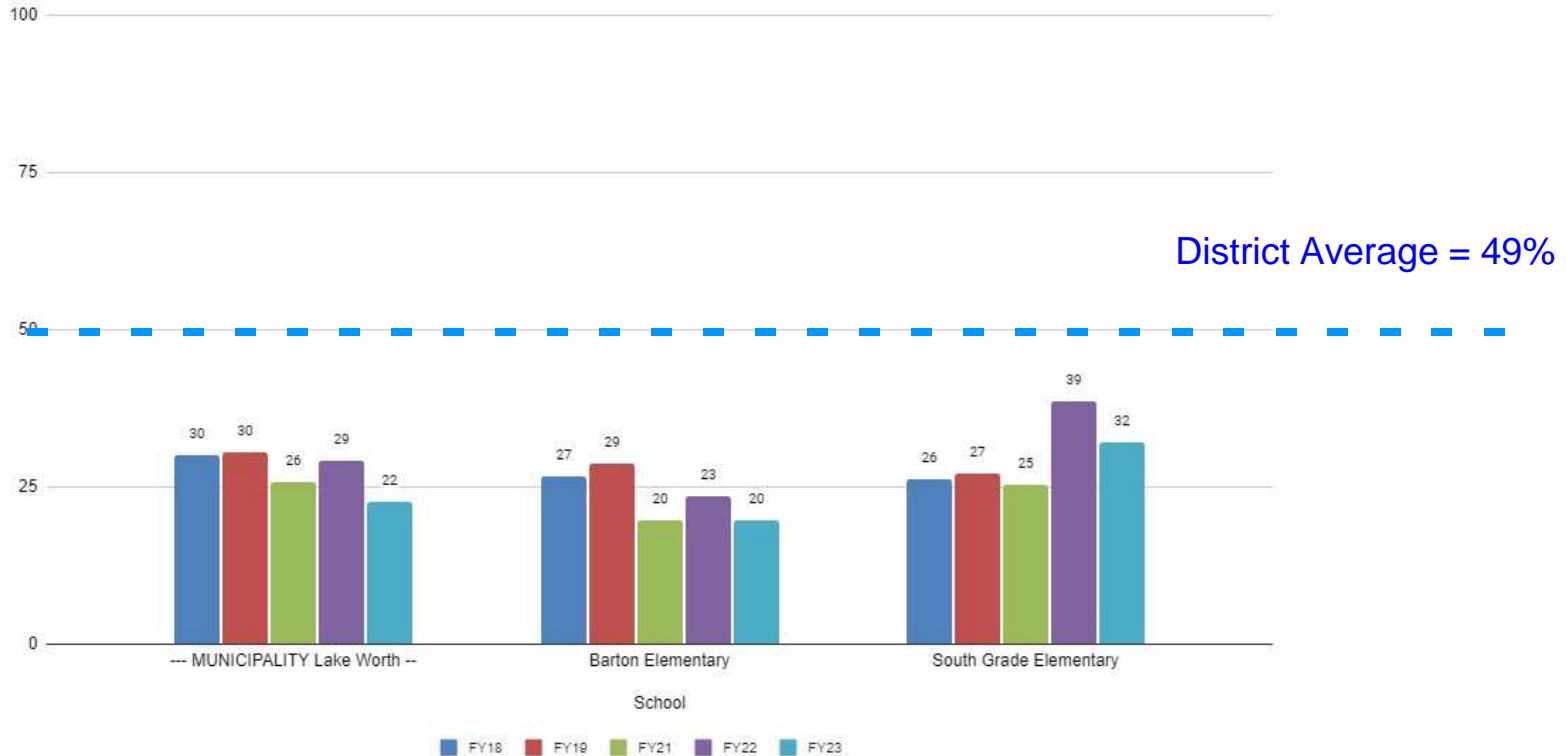
Kindergarten! ... here I come!



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English Language Arts (ELA)



How to help your child do better in Reading & Writing

Dolch Words are the words that are most frequently found in books that children read. By practicing these words with your children and helping them learn to recognize them automatically, you can help facilitate fluency in reading.

- [Pre-Kindergarten](#)
- [Kindergarten](#)
- [First Grade](#)
- [Second Grade](#)
- [Third Grade](#)
- [Fourth Grade](#)
- [Fifth Grade](#)



How to help your child do better in Reading & Writing

Looking for reading materials?

Here are some websites that offer fun, free, high-quality material for kids:

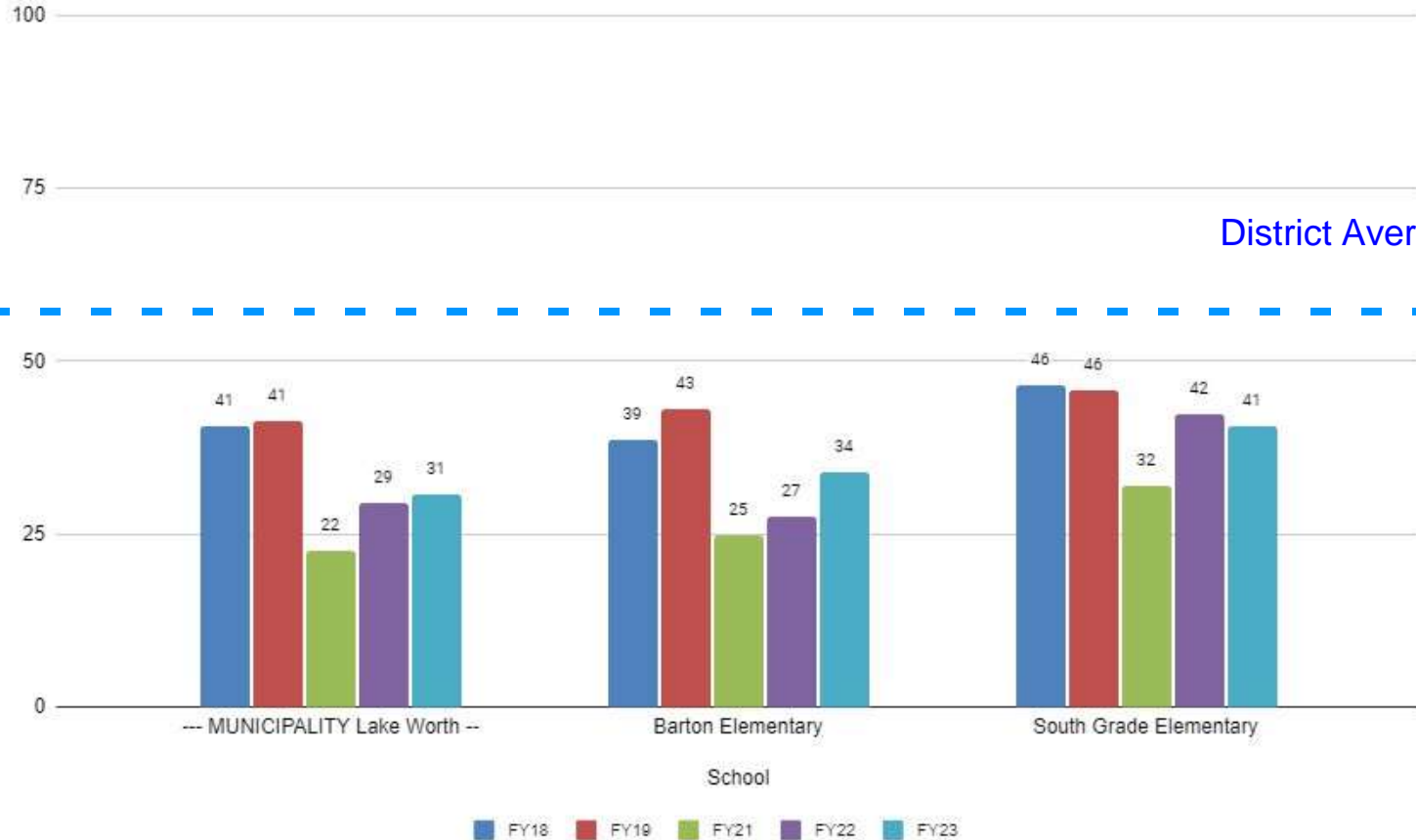
- www.starfall.com
- www.storyplace.org
- www.uniteforliteracy.com
- www.storynory.com



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Mathematics



How to help your child do better in Math

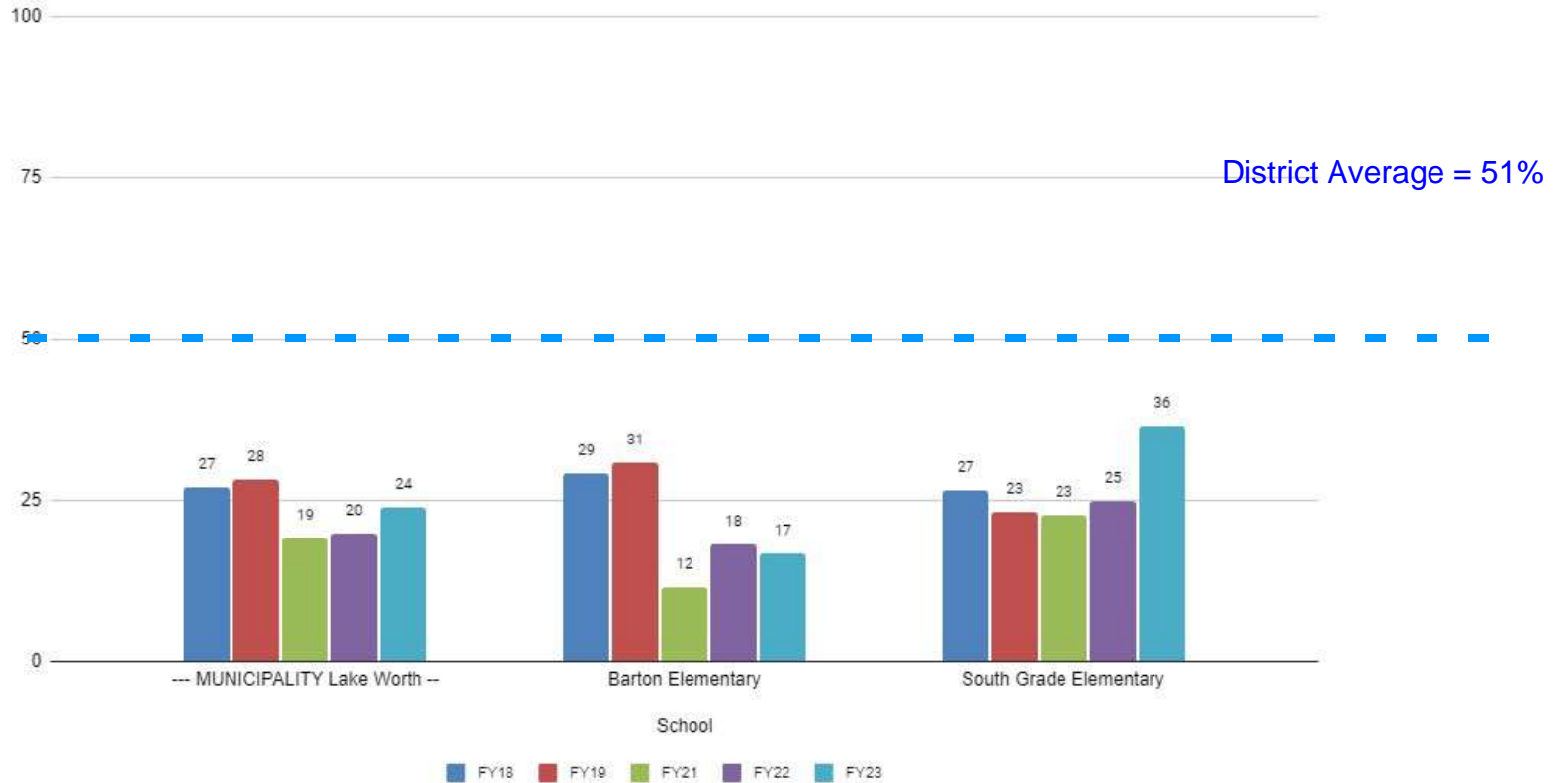
By visiting the [Savvas Realize Parents' Corner](#), you will learn how to support your child's academic growth in the area of Mathematics. Savvas Realize is a curriculum tool used in the Palm Beach County School District that supports Math instruction.

SuccessMaker is a technology tool used to help guide Math instruction. Here are some tips for students and families to help students make the most of their time using the SuccessMaker software.

- [Success Tips for K-2](#)
- [Success Tips for 3-5](#)



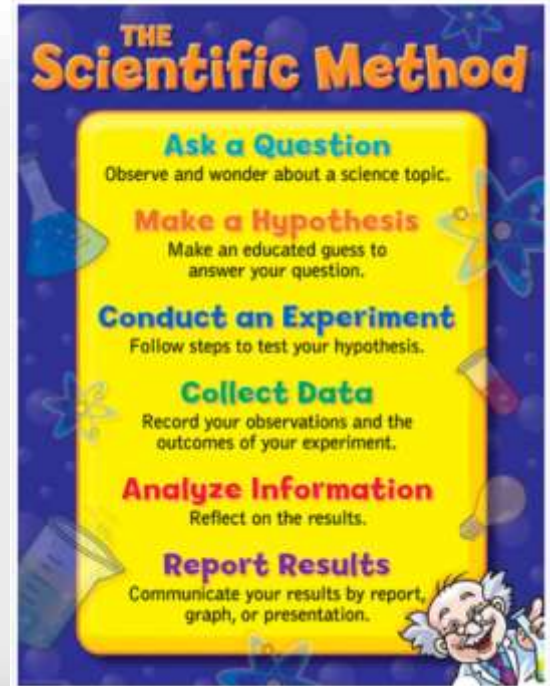
Science



How to Help Your Child do Better in Science

Children are natural scientists that are constantly exploring the world around them. One way to help your child do better in Science is to conduct small, simple experiments at home with them using the Scientific Method.

Science Experiments Using Household Items



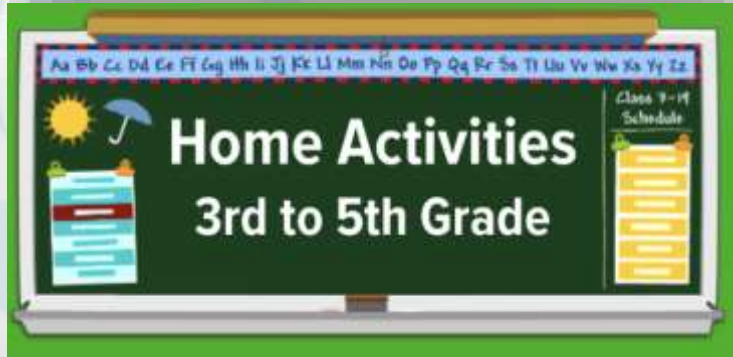
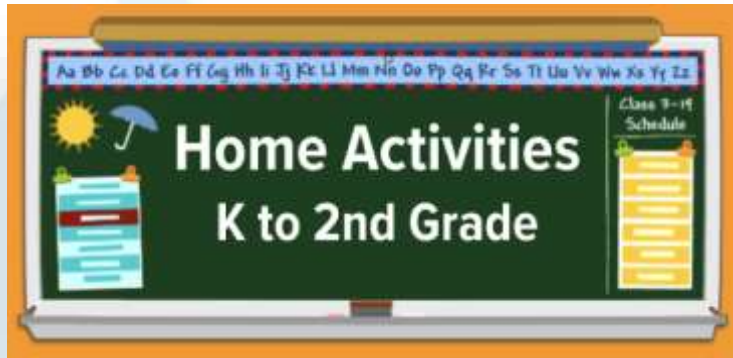
How to Help your Child do Better in Social Studies

Actively participating in Social Studies lessons can help young people develop the ability to make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good as citizens of a culturally diverse, democratic society in an interdependent world. Here are some resources that will help you support your child in the content area of Social Studies:

- [Help Students Learn About Holidays and Special Events](#)
- [Exploring Florida](#) (Fourth Grade)
- [Library of Congress](#)
- While learning about historical places and monuments, find them on [Google Earth](#)
- [Social Studies for Kids](#) contains resources for current world events



Across Curriculum Home Activities



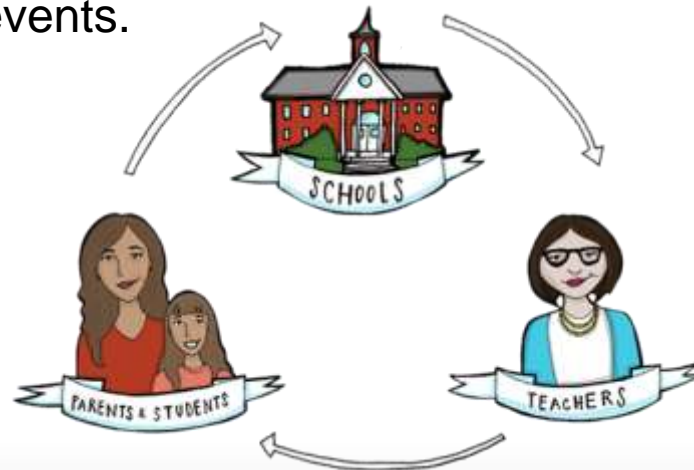
How You Can Help

Parents:

- Make sure children read and have a place to do homework each night.
- Parents attend curriculum nights, open houses, parent conferences, SAC & PTA meetings, and other school events.
- Donation for school year

Community Members:

- Volunteer at your local school
- Provide sponsorships



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Metal Detectors Update


- Nine metal detectors at four schools
 - John I Leonard HS, Palm Beach Lakes HS, Palm Beach Gardens HS, and Seminole Ridge HS
- Over 2,000 students scanned each day at each school
- No weapons found to date
- Other contraband such as vapes found
- Administrators have been trained on how to conduct searches as well as how to set them up and operate the metal detectors. Best practices shared.
- Because of their portability, the metal detectors have also been found to be useful in screening attendees at football games.





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Log in with your District portal.

Voice Notes: Web / Mobile

Students will be able to send voice messages by clicking the microphone icon in the chat bar. There they can explain their questions and problems verbally. They can also listen back at a playback speed of their choice.

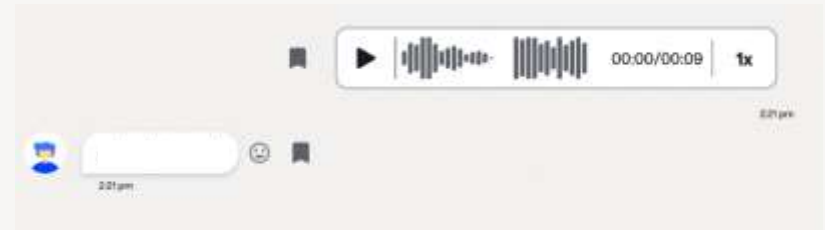
Benefits for younger students:

- For younger students who may not yet be efficient in reading and writing or those who communicate more effectively verbally. *Voice Notes* can be used during a Paper Live Tutor Session.

Benefits for all students:

- Ease of communication with tutors if English is a student's second language
- Alternative communication method if you do not have a physical keyboard on hand (Mobile, iPad)
- Alternative communication method for students with varying abilities/disabilities.
- Individualizes and improves student experience for those who articulate issues in different ways

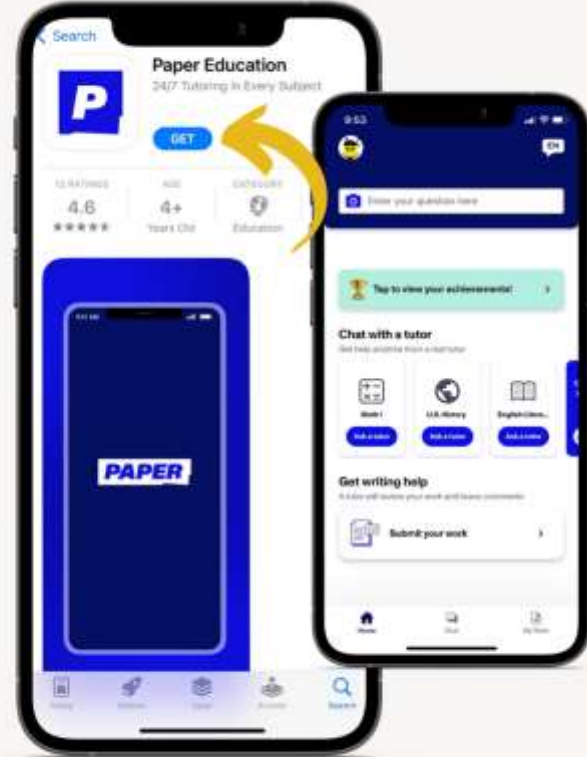
*Voice Notes is also available on iPad and iPhone



Mobile App

Download the Paper app today!

Whether you prefer working from both a laptop and a phone, want real-time updates about your essay submissions, or don't have access to a computer at home, the Paper's app is available whenever you need extra help.



- Any child in Grades VPK-5 not yet reading on grade level is eligible to enroll. Standardized test scores and/or a teacher assessment can help determine your child's eligibility.
- VPK students who are not making age-appropriate progress according to FAST assessments; the Florida Division of Early Learning will provide cut scores to determine eligibility.
- Kindergarten - Grade 3: Any student who is not yet reading on grade level based on progress monitoring data from Star Early Literacy or Star Reading assessment or receives Supplemental (Tier 2) or intensive (Tier 3) instruction.
- Grades 4 - 5: Any student not yet reading on grade level who scored either a Level 1 or Level 2 on the FAST ELA progress monitoring or receives Supplemental (Tier 2) or intensive (Tier 3) instruction.
- Parents must enroll their children. (Once enrolled, eligible students remain in the program until they advance to Grade 6 or the parent opts out of the program.)

Reading shapes who we are.

Help your kids read on grade level with Florida's FREE at-home book delivery program.

- VPK - 5th grade students can apply to receive FREE books and reading activities every month from this state-created program.*
- Students can choose books that match their interests.
- Books and activities are available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Arabic.

*Visit newworldsreading.com to see eligibility requirements.

Families can apply today.

newworldsreading.com/enroll



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Lekti fòme ki moun nou ye.

Ede pitit nou yo, oswa timoun nou responsab yo, rive gen ladrès nan lekli nan nivo klas yo, grasya pwogram livrezon liv GRATIS adomèsil ki se yon pwogram Eta Florid la.

- Lekli ki nan klas matènèl pou nou nan Ayiti ou ka aplike pou yo resevwa liv GRATIS anvan ou ale nan lekli, chak mwa, nan tout pwogram sa a ki 3la a 5lèye**
- Liv yo ka chwazi li ki koresponn ak sa ki entèrese yo.
- Liv yo ak aktivite yo disponib nan lang Anglè, Kreyòl, Eneydi Ayisyen ak Italyen.

**Vizite newworldsreading.com pou nou ka konfime kondisyon elijiblite yo.

Fanmi yo ka aplike jodi a:

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La lectura forma quienes somos.

Ayude a sus niños a leer al nivel de su grado con el programa de entrega de libros a domicilio de la Florida, el cual es totalmente GRATUITO.

- Los estudiantes de VPK hasta 5^o grado pueden aplicar para recibir libros y actividades de lectura GRATIS cada mes a través de este programa creado por el estado*.
- Los estudiantes pueden seleccionar libros que coinciden con sus intereses.
- Los libros y actividades están disponibles en inglés, español, criollo haitiano y árabe.

*Consulte newworldsreading.com para ver los requisitos de elegibilidad.

Las familias ya pueden registrarse:

newworldsreading.com/enroll



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Graduation Requirements

Current Graduation Requirements Include:

Successful completion of one of the following options:

- 24 credits
- Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) curriculum
- International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum
- 18-credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL)
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway (See section [s.] [1003.4282](#), Florida Statutes [F.S.]



Please see [Florida's Graduation Requirements](#) for more information.



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Questions?



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