

# WHAT IS KIPP WHEATLEY?

## K-8 COMPREHENSIVE LITERACY CURRICULUM

- Addresses three key literacy shifts of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS)
- Includes all CCSS in Reading (Information and Literary), Writing, Language, and Speaking and Listening\*
- Appropriate for KIPP schools in states not following the CCSS

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## THE CURRICULUM INCLUDES FIVE MODULES WITH SEVEN HIGH-LEVERAGE COMPONENTS.

HIGH LEVERAGE COMPONENTS	KEY FEATURES			
TOPICS & THEMES	Important, interesting, and diverse topics and themes		Essential questions and enduring understandings to promote deep inquiry and knowledge of the world	
ANCHOR & SUPPORTING TEXTS	High-quality, grade-level, complex texts in the range of genres recommended by the CCSS		Fiction, informational text, poetry, books, short stories, articles, videos, and images that include diverse peoples and perspectives	
CLOSE & SHARED READING	Shared, grade-level texts to engage all students		Focus on close reading to promote deep understanding of complex texts over multiple reads	
WRITING	Process-based, text-based writing in a variety of genres covered by the CCSS		Writing activities to guide students towards deep content knowledge and support mastery of diverse writing formats and skills	
VOCABULARY & GRAMMAR	Vocabulary and grammar lessons to help students integrate skills needed for effective reading, speaking, and writing			
CONSISTENT INSTRUCTIONAL ROUTINES	Consistent routines that support student automaticity, build strong reading habits, and streamline teacher planning		Annotation and note-taking routines for reading, graphic organizers and schematics for writing, and discussion-based routines, such as Socratic Seminars	
ASSESSMENTS	Daily checks for understanding to assess mastery of learning goals	Process-based writing tasks (three to six per module)	“Fresh text assessments” that evaluate students’ ability to closely read new texts on the same topic and demonstrate writing skills on demand	End-of module assessments aligned to PARCC and Smarter Balanced exams

# HOW KIPP WHEATLEY APPROACHES LITERACY INSTRUCTION

KIPP Wheatley encourages a balanced approach to literacy instruction that includes close reading, independent reading, language study, and writing every single day. Research and experience show that effective literacy programs build students' word and world knowledge, integrate reading and writing instruction, align with college-ready standards, and are centered on authentic, high-quality texts.

**KIPP Wheatley is designed to be part of an ELA block that also includes independent and guided reading of text at students' reading levels and phonics for grades K-5.**

## KIPP WHEATLEY AND THE STANDARDS

The three key literacy shifts of the CCSS are the heart and soul of the curriculum, including:

1. Regular practice with complex texts and their academic language
2. Reading, writing and speaking grounded in evidence from texts
3. Building knowledge through content-rich nonfiction

KIPP Wheatley addresses all CCSS in Reading (Informational and Literary), Writing, Language, and Speaking and Listening.\*

**KIPP Wheatley is also appropriate for schools in states not following the CCSS.** KIPP Wheatley focuses on skills and content that all students need for academic and career success: close reading of high-quality, complex texts and thorough, precise writing.

## WHAT KIPPSTERS ARE SAYING ABOUT KIPP WHEATLEY

“One of my favorite things about this curriculum is the engagement it brings...I see our KIPPsters who have not shown interest in reading previously loving the Wheatley block each day. It brings joy to my heart to see the Joy of Reading (Grade 1, module 1) so present in our classrooms.”

– **Assistant Principal, KIPP Chicago**

“...Overall, we believe the current KIPP Wheatley curriculum is a vast improvement over last year and represents the best curricular resource we have seen for developing student intellectual capacity for deep thinking about texts and reading at the elementary and middle school levels.”

– **Regional Academic Leader, KIPP San Antonio**

“Wheatley is my favorite part of teaching 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.”

– **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, KIPP Delta Public Schools**

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\*Note: KIPP Wheatley does not address foundational reading standards for grades K-5.