

## **Austintown Local Schools Literacy Philosophy**

### **Definition of Literacy**

Literacy is the ability to think critically and communicate effectively through listening, speaking, reading, and writing in all content areas.

### **Mission Statement**

To inspire a love for and success in literacy for all students.

### **Core Beliefs**

We believe...

- Learning is social
- Literacy is the foundation of learning
- All students can develop literacy
- Teachers utilizing best practices make a difference

### **Literacy Philosophy**

Language Arts instruction will be integrated to ensure all students will demonstrate appropriate growth in listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Teachers will utilize a full range of research based instructional practices driven by ongoing assessments to meet the needs of all students. Students' literacy development and mastery of grade level indicators will be measured through common assessments designated by the district.

### **Goals**

- Students reading on their level
- More authentic reading
- Fewer worksheets
- More reading/writing connection

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