



Louisa-Muscatine Community School District

WE VALUE, WE CHALLENGE, WE PREPARE EACH AND EVERY STUDENT.

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a safe summer with your family. We are writing about Enhanced Reading, an exciting research-based program we are implementing in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade.

Our commitment to education has led us to recognize some difficult truths. Many of our students are not achieving as they should, and we are working very hard to change that. One area of concern is making sure that our students are reading at grade level. Like several other students in our building, your child scored below his or her grade level on the Iowa Assessments in reading. We believe that in order for students to reach their full potential they must be good readers. Therefore, we are providing students reading one or more grade levels below their grade, Enhanced Reading, which is specifically designed for 6th-9th grade students who are reading below grade level.

The goal of Enhanced Reading is to work on the reading deficits of our students who otherwise would struggle with the demands of the curriculum. This is NOT a special education course. Enhanced Reading focuses on comprehension skills but also targets vocabulary development and fluency in both fiction and non-fiction text. We have been told by principals and teachers in neighboring schools that student involved in Enhanced Reading typically enjoy it more than other reading classes because they get to choose books according to their interests.

Like you, we want what is best for your student. We firmly believe that our Enhanced Reading class is a great opportunity because it allows for your student to become a better reader while having fun along the way. We hope that you will encourage your son or daughter to reach their full potential in this class because it will not only make him or her a better reader, but also, an overall better student.

Looking forward to an exciting year.

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