

## **North Wildwood School District**

### **What Is Basic Skills Instruction (BSI)?**

Basic Skills Instruction is supplemental instruction in either Language Arts Literacy or Mathematics. Instruction and support are provided in the basic concepts and skills that students need in order to be successful in their classroom.

### **Why is my student being identified for Basic Skills?**

Students may be identified for possible inclusion into BSI using multiple measures. These measures include scores on the NJSLA, district test, teacher recommendations, report cards and/or classroom performance.

### **What is the schedule for BSI?**

Students may be enrolled in BSI for Language Arts Literacy and/or Mathematics. Depending on the academic area, BSI services can be delivered in various settings, either through a push in model or pull out model.

### **When does BSI begin?**

BSI begins once students have been identified, screened and have returned their permission letters early in the school year.

### **Will my child miss classwork?**

The BSI teacher and classroom teachers collaborate to find a schedule that works best for the students. The classroom teachers will determine the best way to address any missed classwork.

### **Do the BSI and classroom teacher communicate?**

Yes. The BSI teacher and the classroom teacher are in contact often. They continually discuss student needs, classroom successes, and areas of weakness.

### **How will I know how my child is doing?**

Basic Skills progress reports will be sent home at the same time as report cards. Of course, if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, you can contact the Basic Skills Instructor to schedule a conference.

## **How long does BSI last? Will it continue when the year ends?**

BSI typically lasts for the entire school year. If the Basic Skills Instructor and classroom teacher feel that a student no longer needs basic skills instruction, they can be exited from the program after consulting with the child's parent/guardian. Written parental permission is required to exit a student from the program. Classroom teachers and/or BSI teachers may recommend that students continue to receive BSI the following school year. A student will not automatically be enrolled in BSI for the following year. Student eligibility will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

## **What can I do at home to help my child with reading?**

It is imperative for you read to and with your child at home on a daily basis. Please take the time to enjoy the book with your child by discussing it as you are reading. Book discussion can include.....story elements (character, setting, problem, solution), connections you have to your own life or another book, and what you are thinking as you are reading (We call this "thinking aloud")

### **Helpful ELA Practice Sited:**

#### **Phonic Practice Activities**

**ABC Phonics**

**Starfall**

**Story Online**

**Lexia**

## **What can I do at home to help my child with Mathematics?**

It is essential that students master their basic facts so they become automatic. This means they know the answer quickly without needing manipulatives or fingers. Addition and subtraction are stressed in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Multiplication begins in 2<sup>nd</sup> and is continued in 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Division begins in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and is continued in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Helpful Mathematic Sites:**

**xtramath**

**A+Math**

**Math Fact Pro**

**MobyMax**

**IXL**