

GLOSSARY

AIMSWEB	Aimsw eb is a web-based assessment used for benchmark screening, progress monitoring, and data management for Grades K-12.
AIS	"Academic Intervention Services"- service that is provided to help students when they are deficient in skills.
Benchmark	An assessment used to determine if students are meeting grade level expectations.
Close Read	The careful understanding of a brief passage of text. This reading places importance on details rather than the general overview, paying close attention to specific words and the order in which sentences and ideas appear as they read.
Common Core Learning Standards	Provides a constant clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so that teachers and parents know what they need to help them.
Curriculum	Refers to the means and materials with which students will interact for the purpose of achieving identified educational outcomes.
Direct Instruction	A system of teaching that guides children through the acquisition of new learning.
Expert 21	A Scholastic reading program utilized in grades 7 & 8 that teaches reading, writing and thinking for the 21st century.
FASTT Math	A Scholastic math program that helps students improve their accuracy and speed with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In the Hornell City School District students in grades 3-8 use FASTT MATH when there is an indication of need.
Fluency	The ability to do something with speed, accuracy and precision.

Fraction Nation	A Scholastic math computer based program that helps students improve their accuracy and speed when solving fractions. In the Hornell City School District we use this program with grades 7 and 8.
Graphic Organizer	A visual used to organize information.
Growth Mindset	A way of thinking that believes intelligence can be developed and that the brain can be trained. This way of thinking also encourages improvement.
IEP	"Individualized Education Plan" document that outlines necessary modifications to the educational program for a student with special needs to ensure he or she has access to learning.
Intervention	A learning support for children with skills that are not sufficient to access grade level material.
iRead	A reading program that is designed to ensure mastery of all foundational reading skills of the Common Core Standards K-2.
Journeys	A Reading program that provides the resources needed to plan and assess effectively, as well as teach and engage students. This program focuses on repeated reading of complex text, developing academic vocabulary, and close-reading skills.
Lesson	A structured period of time where learning is intended to occur.
Lexile	The numeric representation of an individual's reading ability or a text's readability.
Mastery	Comprehensive knowledge or skill in a subject or accomplishment.
Math 180	A Scholastic math intervention program that assists students in meeting the Common Core Standards in Mathematics that is designed for struggling students.
Math Model	Description of a system using mathematical concepts and language.
Module	An extended unit of study that covers a concept, skill set or theme.
MyBigCampus	An online Student Learning Management System that allows for a blended learning model consisting of a combination of classroom instruction, activities with an online digital classroom component.

Progress Monitoring	A specific practice that is used to assess students academic performance and evaluate the effectiveness of instruction.
Quantile	Quantile has two sides: a measure for students and a measure for skills and concepts. The student measure describes what the student is capable of understanding. The skill measure describes the difficulty, or demand, in learning that skill.
Read 180	A Scholastic reading program used in grades 5-8 that utilizes technology to differentiate and develop small group instruction that builds student skills needed to meet the Common Core Standards.
Read Live	A reading intervention program that engages students with a motivating curriculum supporting fluency, phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension.
RTI	Response to Intervention (RTI) is a method of academic intervention used to provide early, systematic assistance to children who are having difficulty learning through early intervention, frequent progress measurement, and increasingly intensive instructional interventions for children who continue to have difficulty.
Screener	A test given at the beginning to determine where the students are performing.
SPI	A Scholastic Phonics Inventory is a research based computer assessme that students who score below grade level take in order to determine w type of support they need.
SRI	Scholastic Reading Inventory is a research-based reading assessment that students in grades 3-11 take to measure student reading comprehension using the Lexile Framework for Reading.
SMI	Scholastic Math Inventory is a research-based math assessment that students in grades3-9 take to measure their pre-Algebra skills.
STEM	Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics
Superkids	K-2 Common Core aligned Reading Program