SIRIUS EDUCATION SOLUTIONS

Sirius Online 2023–24

SUPPORTING MULTIPLE RLA USE CASES

- All Students
- Accelerated Instruction

SIRIUS ONLINE
GRADE 5 READING LANGUAGE ARTS

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GRADE 4 READING LANGUAGE ARTS

SIRIUS ONLINE
GRADE 3 READING LANGUAGE ARTS

TEKS-based
STAAR 2.0

SIRIUS ONLINE
GRADE 8 READING LANGUAGE ARTS

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GRADE 7 READING LANGUAGE ARTS

SIRIUS ONLINE
GRADE 6 READING LANGUAGE ARTS

TEKS-based
STAAR 2.0

SIRIUS ONLINE
ENGLISH II EOC

SIRIUS ONLINE
ENGLISH I EOC

TEKS-based
STAAR 2.0

Sirius Is a Comprehensive Supplement

Sirius Online supplements existing instructional materials by providing essential TEKS instruction and authentic STAAR 2.0 practice. Use *Sirius Online* **alongside your core curriculum** to ensure that your students learn exactly what they need to know and do on STAAR 2.0 tests. Using Sirius **adds depth and rigor** to your curriculum.

Sirius Online is a comprehensive supplement with three distinct assignments:

Instruction	Explicit TEKS instruction uses the Gradual Release of Responsibility model.
Practice	Authentic STAAR 2.0 practice empowers students with scaffolds and feedback.
Assessment	Authentic STAAR 2.0 test items delivered with the similar STAAR tools / features.

Teachers and co-teachers can easily customize assignments for individual students, small groups, or the entire class.
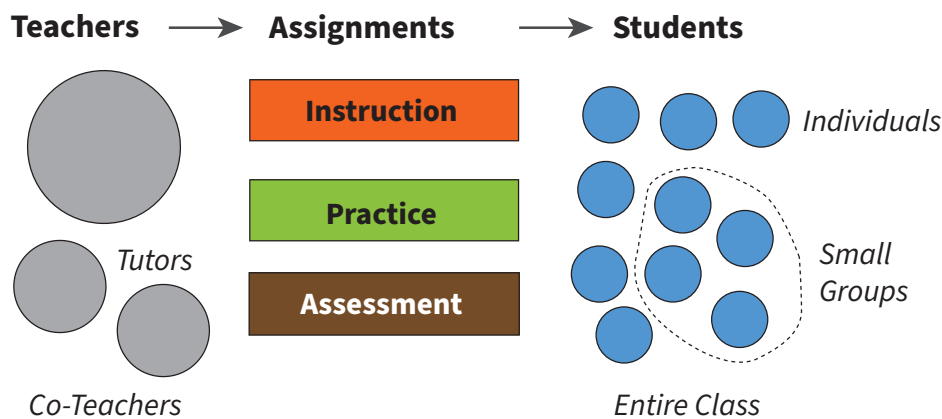
Using *Sirius* for Different Contexts

Sirius Online supplements a core curriculum with easy-to-use adaptable resources for multiple implementation models, including different:

- **Time frames**

Fall Semester	**Spring Semester**
Beginning of the Year	After Mid-Year Benchmark
After First 9-week Benchmark	After Spring Break

- **Ability levels**

  Does Not Meet, Approaches, Meets, and Masters Grade Level

- **Groups**
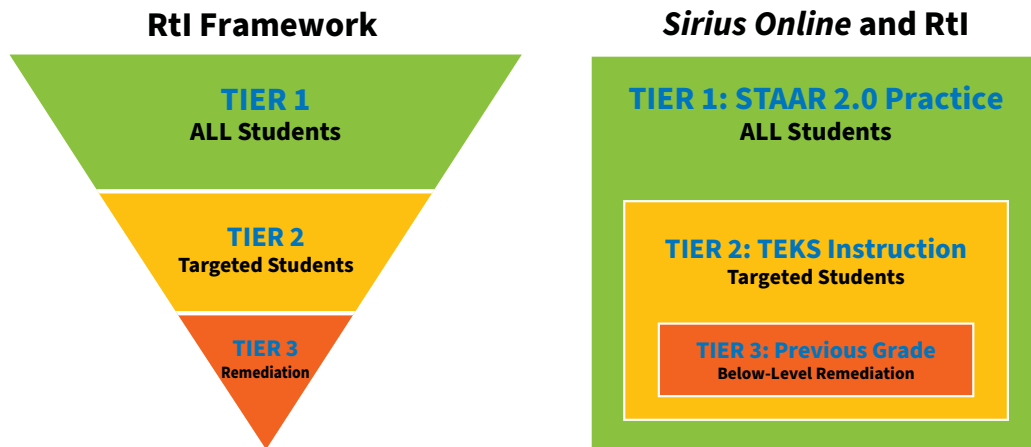
  Whole Class, Small Groups, Partners, and Individuals

- **Instructional approaches**

  Teacher-led, Student-centered, Asynchronous, etc.

Sirius Online and the RtI Framework

Students are different and have unique needs. A practical approach to organizing the implementation of *Sirius Online* is to use the Response to Intervention (RtI) framework with Tier 1, 2, and 3 pathways.

RtI Framework

TIER 1
ALL Students

TIER 2
Targeted Students

TIER 3
Remediation

Sirius Online and RtI

TIER 1: STAAR 2.0 Practice
ALL Students

TIER 2: TEKS Instruction
Targeted Students

TIER 3: Previous Grade
Below-Level Remediation

TIER 1 All students get rigorous authentic STAAR 2.0 practice.

TIER 2 Targeted students get essential TEKS instruction.

TIER 3 Below-level students get foundational reading skills.

Sirius Online Provides Consistent Instructional Routines

Research shows strong support for the RtI framework in improving learning for all students. With *Sirius Online,* you can create **consistent instructional routines** that support both Tier 1 and 2 students.

The Need for High Quality Tier 1 Instruction

All students benefit from instruction that is aligned with exactly what students need to *know* and *do* on the STAAR tests. Students should get regular exposure through the year to learn the STAAR-tested thinking. This includes developing fluency with online testing tools and features.

Aligning Tier 2 Support with Classroom Instruction

Tier 2 and Accelerated Instruction students often receive instruction that is unrelated to classroom instruction. *Sirius Online* empowers class teachers to guide group and individual interventions for struggling Tier 2 students. With *Sirius Online,* targeted students get explicit and systematic instruction in the essential TEKS.

English I and II EOC Retesters

English I and II EOC retesters should receive supplemental Accelerated Instruction to help them pass the STAAR tests. With Sirius, students can get print, digital, and blended learning resources that transfer to STAAR success. Sirius matches STAAR 2.0 in all ways: content (reading and writing selections), context (online and new question types), and complexity (rigor).

Sirius Online RLA Complements RtI

TIER 1   STAAR 2.0 Practice to Show Progress for ALL Students

The new Texas accountability system emphasizes progress for all students, and rewards moving students to the Meets and Masters Grade Level.

So throughout the year, all students should receive regular authentic STAAR 2.0 practice in analyzing reading and writing selections to find the best evidence-based answer. This helps students transfer what they learn in class to the content and format of the online STAAR test.

STAAR PRACTICE

READING PRACTICE **P**   WRITING PRACTICE **P**
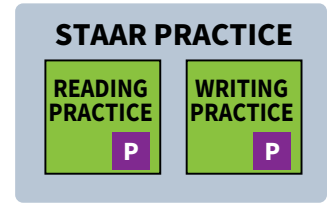
Scaffolded Practice Supports: Empowerment with Choice

Answering STAAR questions requires reading with the specific purpose to answer STAAR questions. *Sirius Online* Practice assignments empower students to become better STAAR thinkers by giving them scaffolded support in how they navigate each selection and item set.

Choices help students feel more in control of their learning and encourages them to take greater ownership. Below are the scaffolded supports that students can choose

Show Hint   Gives a helpful tip before answering a question.

Sample Answer   Gives a sample answer or sample student response.

Submit Answer   Gives immediate feedback on the answer selected.

Try Again   Gives another try after students receive feedback.

Show Correct Answer   Gives the correct answer and its feedback.

A Practice Test Builds Confidence

In the weeks before the STAAR test, use Practice Test as a full-length "dress rehearsal." This builds test-taking confidence and provides high quality data.

STAAR PREP

PRACTICE TEST **A**
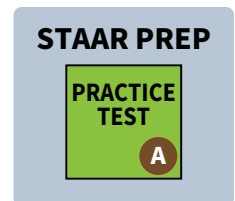
TIER 2   TEKS Instruction for Targeted On-Level Support

Sirius Online supports targeted TEKS-based instruction with on-level skills instruction teachers can use to support struggling and Accelerated Instruction students.

In *Sirius Online* Reports, teachers can make individual or group assignments by TEKS to target specific needs.

TEKS INSTRUCTION

WRITING SKILLS **I**   READING SKILLS **I**   →   REINFORCE READING SKILLS **I**
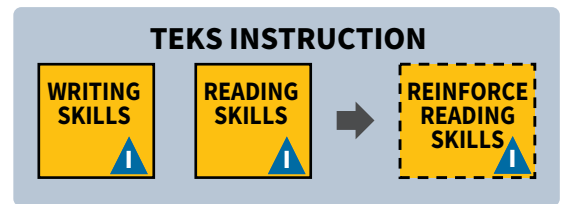
TIER 3   Remediation for Intensive Below-Level Support

Sirius Online Tier 3 implementations focus on scaffolded instruction in the previous grade level reading skills (Build Reading Skills) needed for on-level instruction.

The previous grade-level courses are available for free, and their skills can help students with prerequisites.

INTENSIVE INTERVENTION

BUILD READING SKILLS **I** **P**   →   *Sirius Online* Previous Grade Courses **I** **P**
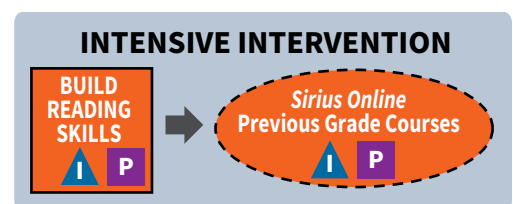
RLA Assignment Planning Guide

Sirius Online can be used over different time frames and for different needs. The table below shows two use cases: all students (Tier 1) and targeted students (Tier 2). Both uses can be combined by assigning additional resources for Tier 2 students.

Sirius Online **RLA Assignments**		**ALL Students** **TIER 1** (0.5 h / wk)	**Targeted Students** **TIER 2** (1 h / wk)
READINESS ASSESSMENT			
Diagnostic Tests	A	⟳ Optional	➕ Encouraged
INSTRUCTION & PRACTICE			
Skill Lessons—Reading	⚠	➕ Encouraged	✔ Recommended
STAAR Practice—Reading	P	✔ Recommended	✔ Recommended
Skill Lessons—Writing	⚠	➕ Encouraged	✔ Recommended
STAAR Practice—Writing	P	✔ Recommended	✔ Recommended
ECR Writing Skills	⚠	✔ Recommended	✔ Recommended
ECR Prompt Practice	P	✔ Recommended	✔ Recommended
Build Skills	⚠ P	➕ Encouraged	✔ Recommended
Review Skills	⚠ P	⟳ Optional	➕ Encouraged
POST ASSESSMENT & PREP			
Post Tests	A	⟳ Optional	➕ Encouraged
Practice Test	A	✔ Recommended	✔ Recommended

ASSIGNMENT TYPES

⚠ **Instruction–**Explicit TEKS skills instruction using GRR model.

P **Practice–**Authentic STAAR 2.0 practice with choices and actionable feedback.

A **Assessment–**Authentic STAAR 2.0 passages and items with online tools and features.

PRIORITY KEY

✔ **Recommended–**the suggested minimum

➕ **Encouraged–**helpful in certain contexts

⟳ **Optional–**when time permits

RLA INSTRUCTION & PRACTICE DESCRIPTIONS

SKILL LESSONS provide TEKS-based instruction in answering STAAR test questions.

STAAR PRACTICE provides authentic STAAR2.0 selections and questions with robust feedback.

ECR provides extended constructed writing instruction and practice for key reading selections.

BUILD SKILLS focuses on the key TEKS with concise instruction and modified practice.

REVIEW SKILLS use less complex selections and items from the previous grade for remediation.

TIER 1   ON-LEVEL STAAR PRACTICE FOR ALL STUDENTS

Authentic and rigorous STAAR 2.0 practice and assessment so **ALL students** learn how analyze reading and writing selections and find the best answer.

TIER 2   ON-LEVEL FOR TARGETED STUDENTS INSTRUCTION

Scaffolded TEKS instruction gives **Accelerated Instruction** and **struggling** students explicit instruction in how the TEKS are actually tested in STAAR.

Visualizing How *Sirius Online* RLA Assignments Interrelate

Sirius Online is a comprehensive resource that supports many distinct student needs. Below is a visualization to show how RLA assignments can be coordinated for **on-level** and **below-level** instruction.

ON-LEVEL RESOURCES

TIER 1 — All students get rigorous authentic STAAR 2.0 practice.

TIER 2 — Some students get essential TEKS skills instruction.

PRE ASSESSMENT
READING DIAGNOSTIC TESTS **A**
WRITING DIAGNOSTIC TESTS **A**

KEY
TIER 1: All Students
TIER 2: Targeted Instruction
TIER 3: Intensive Remediation
☐ **Recommended** are the suggested minimum.
⬚ **Encouraged** can be helpful in certain contexts.

TEKS INSTRUCTION & PRACTICE
READING SKILLS **I** → READING PRACTICE **P**   WRITING SKILLS **I** → WRITING PRACTICE **P**   REINFORCE SKILLS **I** **P**

POST ASSESSMENT
READING POST TESTS **A**
WRITING POST TESTS **A**

STAAR PREP
PRACTICE TEST **A**

BELOW-LEVEL RESOURCES

TIER 3 — Reinforce key foundational reading skills.

INTENSIVE INTERVENTION
BUILD READING SKILLS **I** **P** → *Sirius Online* Previous Grade Courses **I** **P**

ASSIGNMENT TYPES
I Instruction
P Practice
A Assessment

Sirius Companion Workbooks

Blended Learning That's Easy to Use

Sirius Online courses and our complementary print resources have similar organization and content so that you can easily move between each medium, adapting to best **serve the needs of your unique students.**

Many **struggling students often take greater ownership** of their learning when they can write in their OWN workbooks.

Additionally, students are better able to **transfer their thinking** processes to an online format when they experience the same content in both the print and online formats.

Sirius Online's **comprehensive RLA courses integrate all** the content from our print-based workbooks and include a full-length Practice Test. And with online resources, students get immediate feedback while teachers get auto scoring and powerful reporting.

You can register here to **examine our printed RLA workbooks** as eBooks.
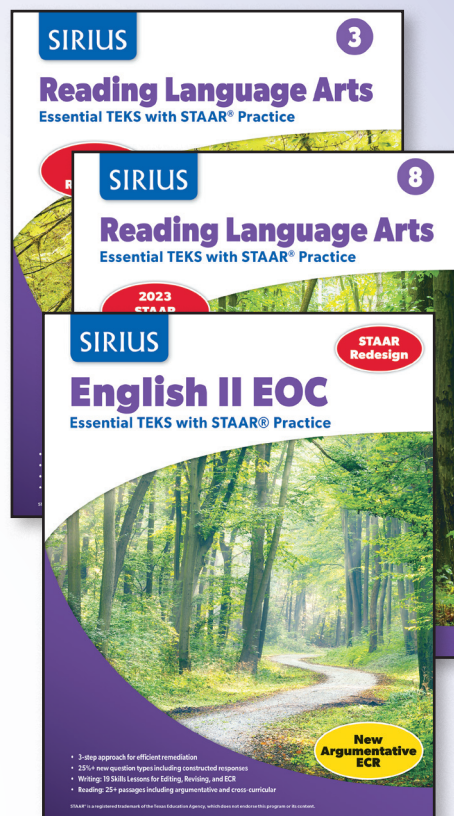
Sirius Online Is Research-Based

Sirius uses established research and design principles to ensure its resources are effective and easy to use to **support teachers** in **helping students** learn the essential TEKS and succeed on STAAR tests.

Sirius has partnered with McREL International to research the following expected outcomes.

McREL
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Increased student:
- STAAR test performance
- Engagement and motivation with STAAR content
- Confidence in answering complex STAAR questions
- Self-efficacy about improving STAAR test performance

Sirius Education Solutions is conducting **ongoing user-experience** and **efficacy research** to continuously improve the student and educator experience. Contact us to learn more and partner with us!