Driving Literacy in Prince George's County Public Schools

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MILE Work in PGCPS

1. MILEStones Tutoring
2. Training of Teachers in Title I Schools
3. Working with Families: “Food for Thought”
4. Adolescent Literacy
5. Assessment, Writing, and AI in Education

Maryland Initiative for Literacy & Equity

MILEStones Tutoring Program

Program Mission

High-impact tutoring designed to accelerate reading and literacy skills for foundational learners.

Utilizes evidence-based structured literacy interventions aligned with the Science of Reading to deliver targeted, tier-2 support.

Partner Schools

- Rosa Parks Elementary School
- Hollywood Elementary School
- Kingsford Elementary School

Implementation Model

Direct Delivery:
Tutors collaborate directly with classroom teachers to align structured materials with current Tier-1 instruction.

Data-Driven Progress:
Frequent formative assessments and oral reading fluency checks guide individual student pacing and placement.

3x
Sessions Per Week

1:3
Max Tutor-Student Ratio

100%
Aligned to Science of Reading

Family Engagement Initiative

Food for Thought Program

Program Overview

Integrating educational workshops with Thomas Stone ES's existing food assistance efforts to engage families from **Preschool through 5th Grade**.

Capitalizes on daily food routines to foster essential math and literacy skills in a supportive, home-based environment.

Key Deliverables

- **Workshop Materials:** Development of instructional videos and activities for families.
- **Collaborative Execution:** UMD MILE team partners directly with school staff.
- **Program Evaluation:** Rigorous assessment of attendance, retention, and parent self-efficacy.

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Monthly Workshops

10
Bite-Sized Videos

30+
Target Families

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Adolescent Literacy Project

Project Mission

A collaborative, practitioner-centered initiative supporting MSDE's forthcoming adolescent literacy policy.

Delivers targeted Tier-2 support and technical assistance to ensure effective and equitable secondary literacy outcomes.

Partner Districts

- Baltimore City Public Schools
- Carroll County Public Schools
- Washington County Public Schools

Implementation Support

Professional Learning: Sustained, job-embedded training series on Science of Learning & Science of Reading for teachers.

Continuous Improvement: Utilizing Networked Improvement Communities (NICs) and PDSA cycles to refine secondary instruction.

Statewide Guidance: Disseminating briefs on writing instruction and assessment screener frameworks.

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Pilot Districts

500+
Teachers Impacted

8,000+
Students Served

Key Functions of MILE as Maryland's Research and Technical Center:

- Interdisciplinary Research that is Translational and Community-focused
- Data-informed professional development and technical assistance
- Partner to state and local education agencies
- Equity-informed data analysis and evaluation
- Advocacy and policy development
- Community and Family engagement