

## Curriculum & Instruction

The curriculum taught in the District supports student achievement and learning in all core areas at all grade levels. Teachers use a variety of teaching strategies and methods to differentiate instruction in order to meet the needs of students in their classes. Curriculum and instruction is a district priority.

All adopted and implemented curriculum complies with state academic standards in curricular areas. State approved textbooks are provided for each student at every grade level. Teachers at all schools are provided with adopted instructional materials, professional development, and assessment tools. The district carefully evaluates student learning and academic programs based on ongoing performance data.

## Core Curriculum

These are the basic instructional programs we use:

- **History/Social Science:** Houghton Mifflin
- **Mathematics:** Saxon Math
- **Reading/Language Arts:** Houghton Mifflin
- **Science:**

## Intervention Programs

Intervention programs in the Piner-Olivet Union School District are designed to support students in attaining the academic standards. Each school provides interventions at varying levels of intensity for students who struggle with learning. These intervention programs are matched to student need and assist students in reading, writing, and math during the school day. In addition, teachers and support staff provide tutoring for students before and after school to assist them in reaching district benchmarks. An extended year, summer school program is offered annually for students to improve their skills and make academic progress toward district grade level benchmarks.

## Supplemental Curriculum

The district provides high-quality supplemental instructional programs that extend the core curriculum to meet students' educational needs. These programs include:

- **Brain Pops**
- **Extended Day**
- **Language for Learning**
- **Language for Writing**
- **NorthStar ~ Math**
- **Read Naturally**
- **REWARDS ~ High Performing Writing**
- **SIPPS ~ Reading**
- **RESULTS**
- **Rosetta Stone**

- **SRA Reading Labs**

### **Special Education**

The district provides a range of special educational programs matched with students' individual needs including resource specialist programs at all school sites, special day class, psychological services, and speech and language services. The goal of the special education program is to support students who have disabilities with opportunities to be successful in school. Teachers write individual goals and objectives aligned to state standards and curriculum. Support staff is trained to assist students both in and out of the classroom in meeting their individualized learning goals.