

Amira Implementation Guide

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Welcome to Amira Learning

The Amira Reading Suite

Amira is the first AI-powered reading assistant for teachers and personalized reading tutor for students. The Amira Reading Suite includes three powerful programs::



AMIRA ISIP ASSESS

The most accurate, reliable, and valid reading assessment. Amira proctors, observes, and scores by listening to students read aloud, taking the stress out of assessment.



AMIRA INSTRUCT

Every teacher's instructional assistant, equipped with an AI Lesson Planner that differentiates reading instruction while keeping recommendations aligned to curriculum and pacing.



AMIRA TUTOR

Amira is every student's personal reading coach, providing in-the-moment instruction in response to the unique reading strengths and struggles of each student.

Your district may use one or all of these programs. This guide will help you prepare, launch, and integrate each product effectively in your classroom.

The Research Behind Amira

Amira is the first and only EdTech solution that consistently delivers significant effect sizes. Independent studies shows Amira's effect size is well into Hattie's Zone of Desire Effects – delivering growth unlike any other reading solution. Reading with Amira for at least 30 minutes per week helps students grow their reading skills an average of 70% faster than students who don't use the program.

How Amira Works

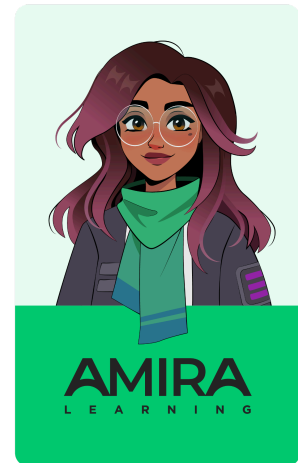
Amira accelerates reading mastery through a combination of **assessment, instruction, and practice**. It identifies what a student knows and is ready to learn next, delivers targeted instruction to address skill deficiencies, and provides real-time interactive interventions to support individualized growth.

Each session generates actionable data and diagnostic insights to inform instruction. Amira acts as a teacher's aid, supporting readers and equipping educators with data-driven recommendations.

Educator Resources and Support

We are here to help you use Amira effectively with your students. Refer to the following resources for additional support:

- **[Teacher Resource Hub](#)**: Download guides, printables, and additional resources to support Amira in your classroom.
- **[Amira Academy](#)**: Access self-paced training anytime to deepen your understanding of Amira.
- **Get Support**: Connect with our team for help. Chat with Amira in your Teacher Growth Dashboard or request to speak with a live agent, browse our [support articles](#), or email us at support@amiralearning.com.



Amira ISIP Assess

Skip this section if your district does not use Amira ISIP Assess.

Get Set Up

Complete a Training

Attend a live training session scheduled by your district, join a live webinar, or complete a self-paced course in Amira Academy.

 [Amira Academy](#)

Adjust Assessment Settings

Before an assessment window opens or an assessment is assigned, ensure your students' settings are correctly configured.

 [How to: Assessment Settings](#)

Prepare Your Devices

To ensure a smooth experience:

- Restart student devices.
- Close all tabs and background apps.
- Clear browser cache and cookies.
- Verify microphone access and correct mic selection.

 [Troubleshooting Guide](#)

 [iPad Tips](#)

Prepare Your Students

Introduce Amira to Students

Use the introduction video and customizable slide decks to help students get familiar with Amira and learn key tips for reading with her.

 [Introducing Amira Resources](#)

Provide Practice Opportunities

If your district uses **AMIRA TUTOR**, give students time to practice reading with Amira before completing their assessment

Assess & Monitor Results

Assign the Assessment

You can assign assessments in two ways:

1. **District Admin:** The administrator sets a district-wide assessment window. Once the window opens, **all students automatically receive the assessment** the next time they log in.

2. **Teachers:** Teachers can schedule assessments for **individual students** or **entire classes**. After scheduling, students will receive the assessment the next time they log in.

 [How to: Assign an Assessment](#)

Monitor Assessment Completion

Track progress to ensure all students complete their assessments. Amira will alert the teacher if any students haven't finished or need to reassess. You can also click the ISIP Assess Status widget on your Growth Dashboard to view completion details.

 [How to: View Assessment Completion](#)

View Assessment Results

Results will appear immediately or within 48 hours if flagged for manual review. To see a quick summary of results, use the **ISIP Assess Outcomes widget**. For a deeper analysis of Amira Reports, take our Amira Academy Teacher Data Dive course (**available fall 2025**).

 [Amira Academy](#)

Assess Routinely

Regular assessment checkpoints throughout the school year help ensure each student receives the right level of instructional support. We recommend following this assessment schedule:

- **Benchmarks:** All students should be benchmarked three times per year. These benchmark assessments will serve as your screener and automatically refresh/update screening data.
- **Progress Monitoring:**
 - Districts **without AMIRA TUTOR:** Administer a Progress Monitoring Assessment once per month.
 - Districts with **AMIRA TUTOR:** No additional assessment is required. Track progress through the Estimated Mastery ARM scores, which are automatically updated as students read Tutor passages.
- **Subtest On-Demand Assessments (available fall 2025):** Assign targeted assessments to track student progress in MTSS interventions.

Need Support?

- **Ask Amira:** Your 24/7 virtual assistant in your Dashboard to answer FAQs, offer guidance, or connect you with a live agent.
- **Email Support:** Contact support@amiralearning.com for quick, thorough help. *Pro tip:* Include details like your district, school, teacher name, student name, and a description of the issue.
- **Support Articles:** Browse the [Amira Learning Help Center](#) for step-by-step guides and answers to common questions.

Amira Instruct & Amira Tutor

Review this section if your district uses Amira Instruct and/or Amira Tutor.

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Set a Goal

Establish clear objectives for reading practice and instruction. Setting goals helps guide students' focus and supports motivation.

Examples:

AMIRA TUTOR

- Read 30 minutes per week
- Read 2 stories per day
- Read 6 stories per week

AMIRA INSTRUCT

- Complete 1 lesson per day
- Learn & practice 15 minutes per day

 [Goal Setting & Tracking Resources](#)

Prepare Your Devices

To ensure a smooth experience and prevent issues such as slow speed, cursor lag, or audio problems.

- Restart student devices.
- Close all other apps, tabs & windows.
- Clear browser cache and cookies.
- Check internet speed.
- Verify microphone access and correct mic selection.

 [Troubleshooting Tips](#)

 [iPad Tips](#)

Layout Your Classroom

Set the stage for a smooth Amira experience with a thoughtful classroom layout. Consider the following tips:

- Position student devices and mics away from each other.
- Spread students out.
- Use testing dividers or headphones to reduce background noise (headphones are not necessary for Amira to work).
- Work in small groups to minimize noise and optimize WiFi.

Build Your Routine

Consistent practice helps students build fluency and confidence over time. Use Amira flexibly across different instructional settings and tailor use based on student needs and available time.

Scheduling Tips:

- Establish a consistent schedule (even short sessions drive progress).
- Allocate extra time for struggling students and use low-structure moments (e.g., arrival, morning work, etc.) for added practice.
- Encourage home use when students have access to devices.

 [Sample Schedules](#)

Instructional Settings

Use Amira in whole class, small group, or individual formats.



Whole Group

- Literacy Block: Reinforce fluency with a class-wide session.
- After Recess or P.E.: Provide a calm, focused transition with reading.
- Independent Reading: Offer Amira as a structured fluency choice.



Small Group

- Literacy Centers: Set up Amira as one of your literacy stations
- Intervention Block: Give targeted fluency practice as part of MTSS plans.
- English Language Learners: Use Amira as extra support for English Learners.



Individual

- Intervention: Assign Amira for extra personalized support.
- Self-Directed: Offer Amira during Choice or WIN ("What I Need") time.
- Early Finishers: Assign Amira as a meaningful fluency extension.
- Homework: Build reading skills at home.

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 [How to: Tutor Settings](#)

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Build Strong Student Habits

Building and reinforcing strong student habits helps prevent issues with Amira. Remind them to:

- Read when the mic is green.
- Maintain a natural rhythm instead of following the underline; it will catch up on its own.
- Be patient at the end of a page instead of rereading too soon.
- Read loudly and clearly so Amira can hear them.

Use Consistently

Monitor Usage and Progress

Keep track of how much students are practicing with Amira each week and encourage consistency.

- Use the Growth Dashboard to monitor weekly practice at-a-glance.
- Look at the Usage Report to monitor tutoring time and stories read in **AMIRA TUTOR** and instructional time and activities done in **AMIRA INSTRUCT**.
- Help students track their progress towards their weekly goals with a tracker.
- Celebrate when your students make progress and show growth.

 [Growth Dashboard Overview](#)

 [Usage Report Overview](#)

 [Celebration Resources](#)

Plan Your Lessons

If your district uses **AMIRA INSTRUCT**, you may have access to the AI Lesson Planner in your Growth Dashboard. If it's available to you, use this tool to customize your students' weekly plans.

- **View Plans:** You can explore plans organized by *lesson* or by *student*.
- **Monitor Alerts:** Keep an eye out for notifications from Amira indicating when students may need adjustments to their assignments.
- **Make Adjustments:** You can have Amira automatically update assignments, or you can adjust them yourself by selecting each mastery group or individual student.

Analyze Data

Complete a Data Dive Training

Attend a live data dive training session scheduled by your district, join a live data dive webinar, or complete the self-paced Teacher Data Dive course in Amira Academy (**available fall 2025**).

 [Amira Academy](#)

View Class-Wide Data

Use these reports to monitor overall class performance and trends:

- **Benchmark Report:** Shows class scores from the most recent assessment.
- **Class Progress Report:** Tracks BOY, MOY, and EOY scores, plus regularly updated Estimated Mastery scores.
- **Dyslexia Risk Report:** Flags students with high Dyslexia Risk Indicator (DRI) scores who may need additional support.
- **Skills Status Report:** Displays class-wide skill mastery.

View Individual Student Data

Use these reports to track detailed progress for each student:

- **Student Summary Report:** Provides an overview of each student's usage, ARM score and PR, DRI, and domain subscores.
- **Reading Rope Report:** Breaks down a student's performance by strands of the reading rope.
- **Progress Report:** Lists completed assessments, stories, and lessons. Includes Estimated Mastery, story transcripts, and recordings.
- **Skills Diagnostic Report:** Shows individual skill mastery.
- **Standards Mastery Report:** Shows class or individual standards mastery.

Share Progress

Use the **Parent Report** to provide regular updates for families on their child's progress, including a breakdown of the student's scores, and actionable recommendations that caregivers can use to support reading development at home.

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