



AMIRA IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE

2025–2026 School Year

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AMIRA ISIP ASSESS

If your district does not use Amira ISIP Assess, [click here](#) to skip this section.

Get Set Up

Learn About Amira

[Amira Academy](#) ↗

Attend a live district training, join a live webinar, or complete a self-paced course.

Adjust Assessment Settings

[How to: Assessment Settings](#) ↗

Before an assessment window opens or an assessment is assigned, review and confirm that student settings are configured correctly.

Plan Your Assessment Schedule

Best Practices:

- Use Amira flexibly (whole-group, small-group, individual), choose the blocks where it fits best.
- Consider staggering small-group sessions across the window to minimize disruptions and improve accuracy.
- Test during small-group or independent work time to limit classroom disruption.
- Display the schedule so students know when they'll test.

Sample Assessment Schedule: 2-Week Assessment Window

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Make-ups / Retakes (if needed)
Week 2	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8	Make-ups / Retakes (if needed)

Prepare Your Classroom

Set Up Your Space

Best Practices:

- Space devices apart to prevent microphones from picking up multiple voices.
- Use testing dividers or headphones to reduce background noise (optional but helpful).
- Create a dedicated “Amira Zone” or themed area to make the experience engaging.
- Display Amira posters, trackers, or goal charts to motivate students.

Recommended Resources:

- [Classroom Resources Page](#) – Printable posters, trackers, and certificates to build excitement and reinforce routines.

Prepare Devices

Best Practices:

- Restart devices regularly to refresh performance.
- Close unused apps, tabs, and windows to free up memory and bandwidth.
- Check microphone permissions and ensure the correct mic is selected.
- Teach and model proper device handling, care, and troubleshooting.

Recommended Resources:

- [Troubleshooting Tips](#) – Quick fixes for common technical issues.
- [Student Help Poster](#) – Simple troubleshooting tips for students.
- [Tech Prep Guide](#) – Template for establishing consistent device-care routines.
- [Login Cards](#) – Editable login cards that support student independence.
- [Class Job Cards](#) – Assign classroom tech roles to promote responsibility.

Prepare Your Students

Introduce Amira

[Introducing Amira Slide Decks and Videos](#) ↗

Use the introduction video and customizable slide decks to help students learn who Amira is, how she supports readers, and how to interact with her effectively.

Lesson Overview:

- Getting Started: Meet Amira – Introduce who Amira is and how she helps students grow as readers.
- Getting Started: Logging In – Walk students through your school's login process (e.g., Clever, ClassLink, or direct link) and model each step.
- Lesson: Getting Ready for the Assessment – Teach students how to show Amira their best reading skills during the assessment.

Best Practices:

- Review slides and student-facing content ahead of time.
- Add your school's login and platform details (Clever, ClassLink, or direct link).
- Watch model videos and use the provided scripts to highlight key points.
- Present interactively—read slides aloud or use Amira's narration, ask discussion questions, and model positive reading habits.

Reinforce Strong Habits

As students begin using the program, remind them of a few key practices that support accurate reading and better results.

- Wait until the mic turns green to begin reading.
- Read clearly and at a natural pace.
- Avoid rereading unless prompted. Amira will catch up.
- Pause at the end of each page. Don't click ahead too quickly

Provide Practice Opportunities

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

Assess & Monitor Results

Regularly assess and review student performance to ensure each learner receives the right level of instructional support.

Assign the Assessment

[How to: Assign the Assessment ↗](#)

Assessments can be assigned in two primary ways, depending on your district setup.

- District Admin Assignment – The administrator sets a district-wide assessment window. Once the window opens, all students automatically receive the assessment the next time they log in.
- Teacher Assignment – Teachers can schedule assessments for individual students or entire classes. After scheduling, students will receive the assessment the next time they log in.

Monitor Assessment Completion

[How to: View Assessment Completion ↗](#)

- Track student progress to ensure all assessments are completed. Amira automatically alerts you if a student has an incomplete assessment or needs to reassess.
- Use the ISIP Assess Status widget in your Growth Dashboard to view completion details and identify students who may need additional time or support.

View Assessment Results

[How to: View Assessment Results ↗](#)

Assessment results typically appear immediately after completion or within 48 hours if flagged for manual review.

- For a quick overview, view data in the ISIP Assess Outcomes widget.
- For a deeper dive into student performance, explore Amira's detailed reports or enroll in the Amira Academy Teacher Data Dive course (available fall 2025).

Assess Routinely

Consistent assessment checkpoints throughout the school year help ensure instruction remains targeted and responsive to student needs. Follow the recommended schedule below:

- Benchmarks – Administer benchmark assessments three times per year. These serve as screeners and automatically refresh each student's screening data.
- Progress Monitoring
 - Districts without Amira Tutor – Administer one Progress Monitoring Assessment each month.
 - Districts with Amira Tutor – No additional assessment required; progress automatically updates through Estimated Mastery ARM scores.
- Subtest On-Demand Assessments (available fall 2025) – Assign targeted subtests to monitor growth in specific skill areas, especially within MTSS interventions.

Special Considerations for Younger Students

Younger students often need extra preparation and support to complete Amira assessments accurately. Setting up the right environment, pacing sessions thoughtfully, and providing guided practice beforehand helps ensure reliable results and a positive experience for every student.

Best Practices:

- Use the short rhymes in lower elementary slide decks to help students remember routines.
- Schedule assessments in small groups to minimize distractions, provide closer supervision, and support focus.
- If your district uses **Amira Tutor**, schedule multiple practice sessions before the assessment so students can get comfortable reading with Amira, following prompts, and using the microphone.
- Provide explicit instruction and visual reminders on how to handle devices with care.
- Display visuals to remind students how to handle devices and follow assessment routines.
- Use specific praise to reinforce positive habits (e.g., "You handled that tablet so carefully—exactly how we keep it working well!")
- Review expectations and routines throughout the year to help students maintain consistency, confidence, and accuracy.

Recommended Resources:

- [Ready for Amira Poster](#) – Set clear Amira routines with editable posters featuring your students.

AMIRA INSTRUCT & AMIRA TUTOR

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[How to: Tutor Settings](#) ↗

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Set a Goal

[Goal Setting Resources](#) ↗

Establish clear objectives for reading practice and instruction.

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

Plan Your Amira Schedule

Best Practices:

- Establish a consistent schedule (even short sessions drive progress).
- Use Amira flexibly (whole-group, small-group, individual), choose the blocks where it fits best.
- Differentiate schedules and goals to support student needs.
- Encourage home use when students have access to devices.
- Have devices charged and headphones ready before each session.
- Display the schedule so students know when they'll test.

Sample Amira Schedule: 2-Week Assessment Window

Time	Activity
8:00–8:30	Arrival / Breakfast
8:30–9:00	Morning Meeting / SEL
9:00–9:45	Instructional Block #1
9:45–10:15	Specials / Enrichment
10:15–10:30	Independent Reading  Amira
10:30–11:30	Recess & Lunch

11:30–12:15	Instructional Block #2	
12:15–1:00	Literacy Centers	✓ Amira
1:00–1:45	Intervention	✓ Amira
1:45–2:15	Dismissal	

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Lesson Overview:

Lesson Type	Lesson Title	Description
Getting Started	Meet Amira	Introduce who Amira is and how she helps students grow as readers.
	Logging In	Walk students through your school's login process (e.g., Clever, ClassLink, or direct link) and model each step.
Instruct (PK–2)	Listening to Learn with Amira	Practice listening and thinking while Amira teaches something new.
	Practicing to Grow with Amira	Follow directions and try your best while practicing what Amira teaches.
Instruct (3–8)	Learning from Amira	Understand how each activity begins and why it's important.
Tutor (PK–4)	Getting Amira Ready to Hear You	Learn how to read to Amira by turning on the microphone, waiting for the green mic, and speaking clearly.
	Reading with Focus from Start to Finish	Stay focused on Amira by keeping eyes on the screen, ignoring the underline, and reading all the way to the end.
	Learning from Amira	Discover how Amira helps you grow by offering help, practice, questions, and progress feedback.
Tutor (5–8)	(None beyond Getting Started)	—

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- Amira’s Tips for Success Poster – Simple tips for having successful sessions with Amira.
 - [Amira Tutor](#)
 - [Amira Instruct](#)

Use Consistently

Monitor Usage and Progress

- Use the **Growth Dashboard** to monitor weekly practice at a glance.
- Review the **Usage Report** for tutoring time and stories read in **Amira Tutor**, and instructional time and activities in **Amira Instruct**.
- Help students track progress toward weekly goals with a class or individual **tracker**.
- Celebrate progress and growth regularly.

Recommended Resources:

- [Growth Dashboard Overview](#)
- [Usage Report Overview](#)
- [Student Progress Trackers](#)
- [Class Progress Posters](#)

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 by lesson or student.
- Watch for alerts suggesting adjustments.
- Allow Amira automatically update assignments, or adjust them 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).

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.

Recommended Resources:

- [Teacher Report Reference Guide](#) – A quick reference guide to Amira reports, showing each report's purpose, insights, data source and update timing.

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.

Recommended Resources:

- [Parent Report Overview](#) – A one-page guide to help explain the Parent Report, covering each section and how families can interpret student scores.