



In the past, the curricula that Principal Belair used as a classroom teacher were not hitting the mark. “I was at a district-level school and the curriculum was very rigid,” she shared, “As a teacher, you had to read verbatim what was printed in the book. Then I taught at a private school where I had no program to support me at all.” Her list of requirements for Delta Charter’s new ELA program included a proven research base, a strong close reading strategy, a flexible instructional model, and support for the shifts in ELA standards.



