



Adopting Sora in a Large Urban District

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SY 21-22 Student Demographics

48,957 students

43.1% Latinx; **32.2%** Black; **14.5%** White; **8.7%**

Asian; **1.6%** Other/multiracial

42.6% First language not English

30.1% English learners; **7.2%** ELs w/
disabilities

20.6% Students with disabilities (IEP)

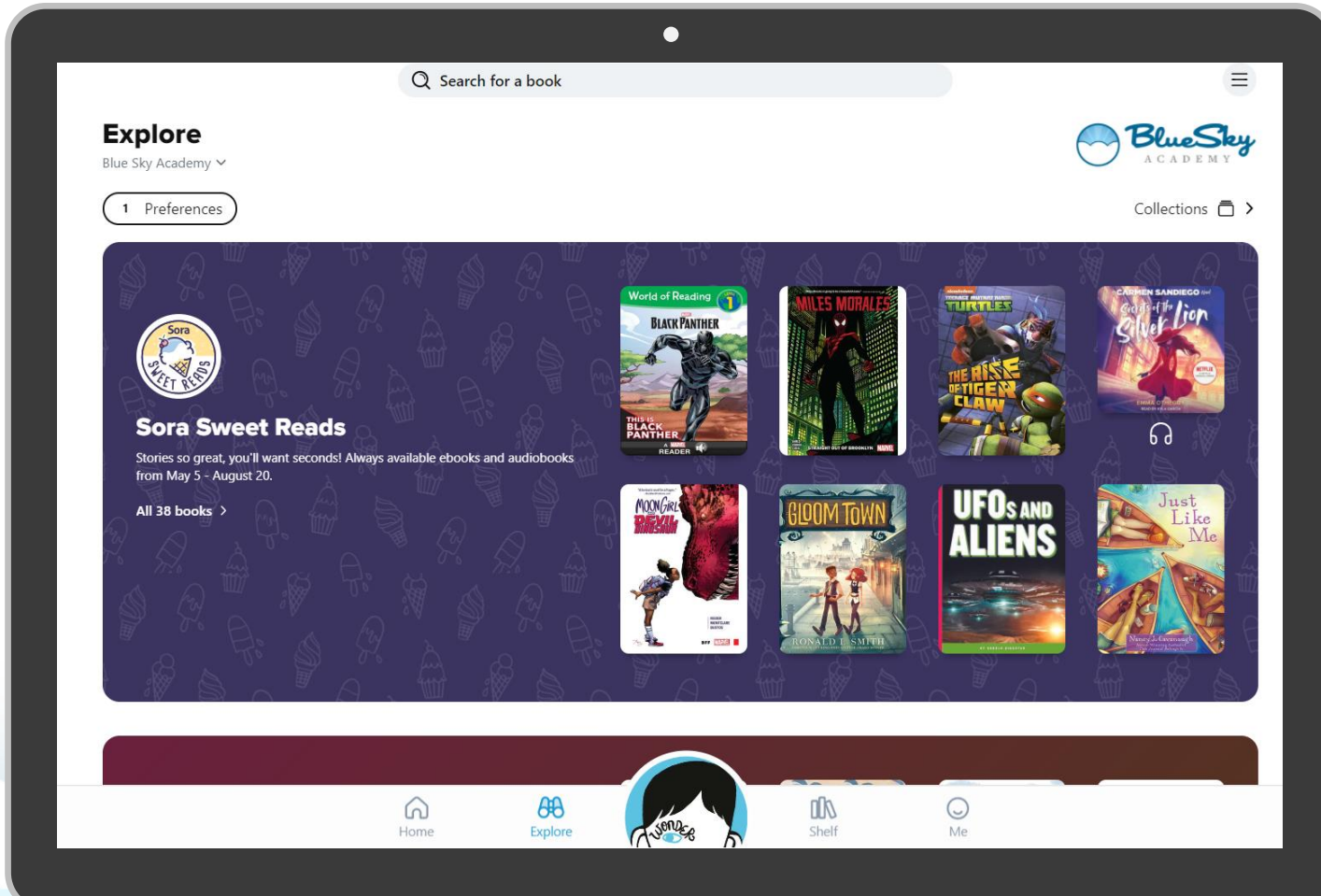
68.9% Economically disadvantaged

EEC K-5/6	48
K-8	31
6-8	4
6-12	5
7-12 or 9-12	21
K-12	2

Why Sora?

- Access to e-books and audiobooks without needing a library card
- Not all schools have librarians but all students will have access to a district library
- Ease of access - in all students' Clever portals
- Language supports
- BPS has access to [multiple libraries](#) through the state of MA

What is Sora?

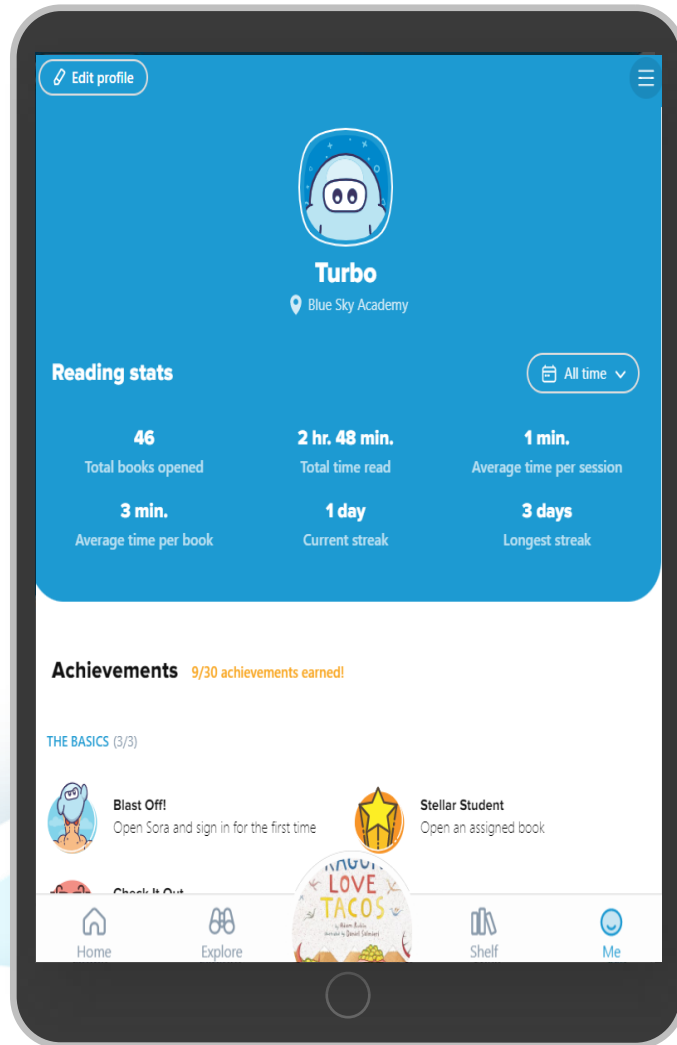


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Sora Features



- Single-sign-on
- Multilingual interface
- Easy browse and borrow
- Title assignment capabilities
- Offline access
- Public library digital collection access
- Student reading data

Last Chance to Enter to Win the Tablet!



BPS Sora Adoption

January 2020: Sora launched in Clever

March 2020: Sora gets a push with COVID-19

Fall 2020: District texts added to Sora for simultaneous reading

Summer/Fall 2021: Equitable Literacy becomes district focus

Today: Sora is [widely promoted](#) as a tool to access texts across BPS

Supporting Sora Usage

Tier 1 Supports

- [BPS Sora Helpdoc](#)
- [Sora Help Center](#)
- [Webinars and Tutorials by BPS Librarians](#)

Tier 2 Supports

- Custom trainings for schools

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