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ODE-Approved Provider List for Early Literacy Professional Learning, Coaching, and High-Dosage Tutoring Frequently Asked Questions:

This document provides answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) for the ODE-Approved Provider Lists for Early Literacy Success School District Grants.

This document will be updated as new questions arise, indicated by the updated date above and noted on the initiative website. Questions regarding the RFQ process should be sent to mary.piper@ode.oregon.gov. Questions regarding the Early Literacy Success Initiative or Early Literacy Success School District Grant may be submitted to K12.literacy@ode.oregon.gov.

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General Information

1. Why is ODE creating an updated approved provider list for the Early Literacy Success School District Grants?

[OAR 581-017-0811](#) requires ODE to maintain and update, at least every two years, a list of approved providers for Professional Learning/Coaching and High-Dosage Tutoring under the Early Literacy Success School District Grants. Grantees that choose to use Early Literacy Success School District funds to contract with an external provider of Professional Learning/Coaching and/or High-Dosage Tutoring, must select from the ODE-Approved Provider Lists. The lists are designed to support grantees in identifying

providers who offer research-aligned, culturally responsive services, and simplify the process of selecting high-quality providers from the many available early literacy services.

2. Are there previous lists of approved providers for the Early Literacy Success School District Grant funds?

The previous list of ODE-Approved Providers was posted on January 15th, 2025 and impacted grantees for the 2025-27 biennium.

3. What is different about the list that was released in 2025 and the updated list that will be released in 2027?

Many of the criteria to become an approved provider have been updated. Additionally, criteria and evaluation requirements have been added for providers of Curriculum-Based Professional Learning and Coaching.

4. Where can I find the ODE-Approved Provider Lists?

The current ODE-Approved Provider Lists are posted on the [Early Literacy Success School District Grants](#) webpage within the “ODE-Approved Provider Lists” section. The updated list will be posted by January 15th, 2027, and take effect in the 2027-29 biennium (beginning July 1, 2027).

Instructional Materials

5. Can grantees pay providers to train staff on how to use new curricula (e.g., core curricula, supplemental materials, intervention/acceleration materials) using Early Literacy Success School District Grant funds if they aren't on the ODE-Approved Provider lists for Professional Learning/Coaching?

The ODE-Approved Provider Lists for Professional Learning/Coaching only apply to SBE-adopted core ELA instructional materials. Therefore, if grantees choose to contract for Professional Learning and/or Coaching on those materials, they must select providers from the ODE-Approved Provider List of Curriculum-Based Professional Learning & Coaching. Grantees may contract directly with publishers of SBE-adopted core ELA instructional materials, who are not required to be on the ODE-Approved Providers Lists.

Evaluation Process

6. What is the evaluation process to be approved as an Early Literacy Provider of Professional Learning/Coaching and/or High-Dosage Tutoring?

Providers must submit a complete response to the RFQ on [OregonBuys](#) and include all requested components. As part of the submission, providers must complete and submit the applicable workbook(s), which contain the criteria to be evaluated by ODE. The review process will involve the following steps:

- **Intake:** Applications are first reviewed for completeness. Incomplete submissions will not move forward in the process.
- **Screening:** Complete applications are scored against initial screening criteria. Providers who do not meet these criteria will not advance to the full evaluation.
- **Full Evaluation:** Applications that pass screening undergo a comprehensive review by ODE staff, assessing responses and the quality of supporting evidence. Evaluation criteria are grounded in statutory requirements, regulatory guidance, and research to ensure a consistent and rigorous review process.

7. What are the required components of the RFQ?

To be considered for evaluation, providers will complete the following components of the RFQ. These are all listed in the Bid document on [OregonBuys](#).

- Attachment A – Oregon Department of Education Early Literacy Professional Learning and Coaching Workbook; and/or
- Attachment B – Oregon Department of Education Early Literacy High-Dosage Tutoring Workbook; and
- Attachment C – Minimum Requirements Submission Form; and
- Attachment D – Responder Information and Certification Sheet.

8. What if a submission is deemed to be incomplete during the intake process?

Incomplete applications will not move forward to the evaluation process. This includes any missing or unanswered required criteria in the submitted workbook(s).

Providers Not on the List

9. If a district is currently using a provider who is not on the 2027-29 approved list(s), can they continue using them in the 2027-29 biennium?

Early Literacy Success School District grantees may continue to use a provider who is on the 2025-27 biennium ODE-Approved Provider List through June 30th, 2027. The updated ODE-Approved Provider Lists will take effect July 1, 2027. Beginning July 1,

2027, if a grantee would like to use a provider who is not on the updated ODE-Approved Provider List for Professional Learning/Coaching and/or High-Dosage Tutoring, the grantee will not be able to do so using the Early Literacy Success School District Grant.

Provider FAQs

10. What is the Early Literacy Success Initiative?

In 2023, under the leadership of Governor Kotek, the Oregon Legislature established early literacy as a top priority. The Early Literacy Success Initiative established four programs: the Early Literacy Success School District Grants, the Early Literacy Success Community Grants, Early Literacy Success Tribal Grants, and the Birth through Five Literacy Plan (administered through the Department of Early Learning and Care). Please see this [webpage](#) for more information.

11. What type of grant is the Early Literacy Success School District Grant?

The Early Literacy Success School District Grant is a noncompetitive grant program available to all school districts and eligible charters. To receive funding, grantees must apply and meet all grant requirements, which includes implementing the following programming: Professional Learning and Coaching, High-Dosage Tutoring, and Extended Learning. Note: The ODE-Approved Provider Lists are required only for grantees that choose to contract externally to provide Professional Learning/Coaching and/or High-Dosage Tutoring.

12. What are the allowable uses for the Early Literacy Success School District Grant?

Early Literacy Success School District Grant funds may be used to support early literacy through the following allowable uses:

- Purchasing and implementing research-aligned literacy curricula and materials;
- Funding literacy coaches, specialists, and interventionists;
- Providing Professional Learning or Coaching, either internally or through an ODE-Approved Provider;
- Delivering High-Dosage Tutoring, either internally or through an ODE-Approved Provider; and
- Implementing Extended Learning opportunities (literacy programming before school, after school, or during school breaks, including summer).

13. How many grantees receive the Early Literacy Success School District grant funding?

In the 2025-27 biennium, 99% of school districts and eligible charter schools received funding, which is a total of 246 grantees.

14. When will the next RFQ open for providers to be added to the ODE-Approved Lists?

The RFQ will open in May 2026. ODE is required by [OAR 581-017-0811](#) to update the list at least every two years.

15. I am a provider who submitted my application but was not approved. Can I resubmit my application?

If a provider was not approved for the 2025-27 biennium ODE-Approved Provider Lists, they may resubmit in May 2026 for consideration on the 2027-29 biennium list. If not approved for the 2027-29 biennium, a provider may resubmit when ODE releases the next RFQ, likely in spring of 2028.

16. If a provider is included on the ODE-Approved Provider Lists, does that guarantee them a contract with grantees?

Inclusion on the ODE-Approved Provider Lists does not guarantee contracts with ODE or grantees or create a statewide price agreement. Grantees will go through the process of selecting a provider(s) through their own internal procurement processes.

17. What is required of an ODE-Approved Provider?

ODE-Approved Providers are required to attend all required ODE meetings. Providers may also be required to submit necessary data to ODE to remain in good standing.

18. How should providers communicate with grantees?

Providers may initiate contact directly with grantees to explore potential contracting opportunities, and grantees may also reach out directly to providers on the ODE-Approved Provider Lists. The ODE-Approved Provider Lists will be published on ODE's website by January 15, 2027, as well as distributed to grantees in email communications.

19. What is the renewal process to remain on the ODE-Approved Provider Lists?

Providers included on the 2025-27 ODE-Approved Provider Lists for Professional Learning/Coaching and/or High-Dosage Tutoring must submit a complete response to the RFQ with all required components to be considered for inclusion on the updated lists, as qualifications and minimum requirements have been revised.

In future cycles, if requirements remain substantially unchanged, providers may instead complete a renewal form to remain on the list, which will be provided by ODE. The renewal process will require providers to demonstrate that they remain in good standing as an ODE-Approved Provider.

20. Who do I reach out to if I have any questions about the ODE-Approved Provider Lists, RFQ process, or RFQ submissions?

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