



FAQs: Early Literacy Success School District Grants*

Note: This FAQ has been developed with language directly from the legislation. As additional interpretation and guidance is developed, this resource will be updated.

Facts and Questions

How does my school district or eligible public charter school apply?

- ✓ Please see [Early Literacy Success School District Grant: Applying & Reporting](#).

We are a public charter school with students in grades K-8, can my school apply?

- ✓ Yes, if you meet the following requirements:
 - Your plan must focus on students in grades PreK-3; and
 - If you are a brick and mortar school. The legislation does not apply to virtual charter schools.

- ✓ Please see [Early Literacy Success School District Grant: Applying & Reporting](#).

Is there a requirement for matching funds?

- ✓ Yes, the School District Grants require a 25% match of funding (from any fund source) to advance literacy from any fund sources. School districts and eligible charters at or below 50ADMw will be given an accommodation to release this need for a match. Note: This direction is put forward pending SBE approval of temporary and then permanent rules.

What grade levels can the Early Literacy Success School District Grant be used for?

- ✓ The legislation outlines a primary focus around grades PreK-3.
- ✓ Fourth and fifth grade expenditures are also allowable with limitations and additional requirements; see the following question for more detail.

Can the money from the Early Literacy Success School District Grant be used for grades other than prekindergarten through third grade?

- ✓ Yes, grant moneys used for the benefit of students in grades four and five must be:
 - Limited as follows:
 - No more than 20 percent of the total amount received for the 2023-2024 school year may be used for students in grades four and five; and
 - No more than 10 percent of the total amount received for the 2024-2025 school year may be used for students in grades four and five.
 - Matched by moneys otherwise available to the school district or the eligible public charter school.

*Inclusive of eligible public charter schools and consortia.

What can the money from the Early Literacy Success School District Grant be used for?

- ✓ Providing professional development and coaching in research-aligned literacy strategies to teachers and administrators in early elementary grades to improve early literacy instruction.
- ✓ Providing extended learning programs that:
 - use research-aligned literacy strategies; and
 - are made available to students in early elementary grades by licensed teachers or by qualified tutors.
 - *The extended learning programs may include:*
 - Home-based summer reading activities for students who need additional support and enrichment; and
 - Intensive summer school program for students who need the most additional support and who receive at least 60 hours of direct literacy instruction by an instructional assistant or a licensed teacher trained in research-aligned literacy strategies.
- ✓ Providing high-dosage tutoring to students in early elementary grades that integrates reading and writing and that is delivered by a qualified tutor using developmentally appropriate practices.
- ✓ Adopting and implementing curricula that uses research-aligned literacy strategies. Funding may be used to:
 - Purchase curricula and materials that are culturally relevant; or
 - Provide professional development and time for teachers and administrators to attend training related to the curricula.
- ✓ Employing literacy specialists, coaches or interventionists.

Is there a minimum allocation for small districts and eligible grantees?

- ✓ Yes, the minimum allocation is set at an estimated \$85K for the full biennium. This supports a statewide approach and ensures a baseline of support for small and rural schools and districts.

