K-5 LITERACY INVESTMENT

\$4.27 million invested (includes ongoing obligation not yet expended)





























What is this initiative?

This investment addressed unfinished literacy learning while strengthening the state's literacy education infrastructure for years to come by updating framework recommendations, funding teacher training, and modernizing rural school libraries.

Goals

- >> Provide revitalizing grant resources to expand library collection size and range for rural, low-income school libraries. There were 104 school districts that accepted grant funding and used their funds to revitalize their library spaces and collections to better meet the needs of Oregon's students.
- >> Publish a new Early Literacy Framework with input from a diverse group of educators, researchers, and other partners. The framework was designed around eight sections that work in reciprocity with one another to help reinforce culturally responsive practice and reading science as fundamental to literacy and biliteracy development.
- **Build Early Literacy Framework professional** development and instructional content resources to support educators in applying Oregon's Early Literacy Framework in their instructional practice. These resources will also support administrators in leading the implementation of the framework. The resources and learning experiences were designed to bring coherence across educator knowledge, instructional materials, evidence-based practices, and assessment.



Oregon Instructional Frameworks

Develop a new 6-12 Literacy Framework with leadership from WestEd and input from a diverse group of educators, researchers, and other partners. Through updating the 6-12 framework from 2009, educators will receive up-to-date and comprehensive information about supporting secondary literacy. Similar to the Early Literacy Framework, this will serve as a mentor text for teams looking to improve their disiplinary literacy practices.



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Benefits

Children need literacy instruction that guarantees proficiency, addresses individual strengths and needs, and provides learning conditions and content exposure that honors linguistic and cultural assets and lived experiences. Through providing additional resources on literacy practice to Oregon educators, students will receive research-based, culturally responsive literacy instruction.

Building Literacy Momentum: In May 2023, the Oregon Department of Education released Oregon's Early Literacy Framework: A Strong Foundation for Readers and Writers (K-5), and Governor Kotek issued an executive order related to strengthening educator preparation for literacy instruction. In June, the Oregon Legislature, with leadership from Governor Kotek, passed the Early Literacy Success Initiative. Together, the Early Literacy Framework, the executive order, and the legislation build momentum and capacity while also providing funding for strengthening literacy instruction in classrooms and communities across Oregon. The Early Literacy Success Initiative is a top priority for Governor Kotek and is being implemented by the Oregon Department of Education and the Department of Early Learning and Care.









