



MDE READ Act Update

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READ Act Local Literacy Plan Submission – Active on March 1, 2024

The Minnesota Department of Education is providing a Local Literacy Plan Template and Survey to collect local literacy plan submissions required by the Minnesota READ Act legislation. This submission replaces the Read Well by Third Grade (RWBTG) data and local literacy plan submission. **Each district or charter school is required to complete one submission of their local literacy plan to MDE annually by June 15, 2024.**

On March 1, 2024, district or charter school contacts will receive an email with the subject heading: *READ Act Local Literacy Plan Submission – Now Open.*

That email will include two links:

- a link to the Local Literacy Plan Template to assist districts and charter schools in developing their local literacy plan.
- a link specific to the district or charter school for the Local Literacy Plan Submission.

If the contact person receiving the email is not the correct individual to complete the local literacy plan submission, the email may be forwarded to the responsible party within the organization. If you have questions, please contact the MDE Literacy Unit [Local.Literacy.Plan.MDE@state.mn.us] or join a virtual open office hour listed below.

Minnesota READ Act Professional Development Registration Requests

Registration for READ Act literacy professional development will be done through MDE and paid for through READ Act funds. **District and charter schools will not pay for READ Act training when participating in this process. Please don't contact the vendor directly.**

Registration for Phase 1 educators (see below for definition of Phase 1 educators) is open until October 1, 2024. A district or charter school must provide access to training beginning July 1, 2024. Notifying Phase 1 staff of the scheduled professional development qualifies as providing access.

**For those districts and charter schools who are choosing LEXIA/LETRS, we acknowledge additional time (beyond the July, 2025 completion deadline) will be needed to complete this course and extensions will be provided.*

Registration process:

1. District or charter school submits contact information for staff responsible for coordinating professional development for literacy educators and support staff. Contact information must be shared through the [Registration Request Form](#).
2. After MDE updates the contact information, the district or charter school contact will receive an email to complete registration.
3. Once registration is complete, district or charter school contact will be contacted by the requested professional development vendor to schedule training dates.

Registration process can be found on the [Professional Development webpage](#).

Literacy Curricula Selection Update

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) in collaboration with the University of Minnesota, Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement (CAREI) completed a review of K-5 Literacy Curricula as required by the Minnesota READ Act. The Minnesota READ Act statute states that a district is not required to use an approved curriculum, unless the curriculum was, or will be, purchased with READ Act funds that require a curriculum to be selected from a list of approved curricula.

View the review process and the results on the [Curricular Resources webpage](#).

READ Act Frequently Asked Questions

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