

Comprehensive Early Literacy Policy

A State-by-State Analysis of Fundamental Principles

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Introduction

Comprehensive K-3 Reading Policy Fundamental Principles

A Comprehensive Early Literacy Policy establishes support and intensive reading interventions for all K–3 students to ensure they read on grade level by the end of 3rd grade. The policy also requires 3rd grade students to demonstrate sufficient reading skills for promotion to 4th grade. For students severely below grade level and who do not qualify for a good cause exemption, retention provides struggling readers the additional time and intensive interventions they need to catch up with their peers.

The purpose of this document is to provide an analysis of states' statutes and regulations that align to ExcelinEd's fundamental principles. These principles, which should be included in early literacy policy, allow for a comprehensive approach to improving reading outcomes by considering the supports for students, teachers and parents. (Note: The presence of the fundamental principles in state laws and/or regulations is not a measure of implementation.)

Supports for Teachers & Policy

- Statewide science of reading training beginning with K–4 teachers and elementary school administrators
- Ongoing, job-embedded science of reading training and support for teachers via literacy coaches
- Ensuring Teacher Prep Programs are preparing teacher candidates to have the knowledge and skills to teach all kids to read based on the science of reading
- Aligning educator licensure assessments to the science of reading
- Funding and reprioritization of existing local, state and federal funds for early literacy

Assessment & Parent Notification

- Early literacy screening administered three times per year and progress monitoring for K–3 students
- Screening for dyslexia characteristics administered at the end of Kindergarten and the beginning of 1st and 2nd grade
- Parent notification when a reading deficiency is identified and continued parent engagement with each progress report

Instruction & Intervention

- District adoption of high-quality instructional materials grounded in scientifically based reading research and aligned to state standards
- Three-Cueing is a flawed literacy instructional practice and should be eliminated from curricula because it encourages students to guess, not sound out, words they do not know based on pictures or what they think might make sense given the context of the sentence
- Individual reading plans for K–3 students identified with a reading deficiency and 4th grade students promoted for good cause
- Regularly monitor student progress and adjust instruction using proven strategies for closing opportunity gaps according to student need
- Evidence-based interventions for struggling students and supports for special populations (i.e., ELs, special education, students with dyslexia, etc.) during school, and before/after school
- Summer Reading Camps or approved innovative summer reading programs provided to all K–3 students struggling in reading or potentially facing retention
- Parent Read-at-Home Plan for students identified with a reading deficiency and a list of vetted online resource hubs for all parents to support literacy at home

Retention & Intervention

- Retention with increased intensive intervention in addition to a highly effective teacher and other supports for 3rd grade students severely below grade level who do not meet promotion requirements
- Multiple opportunities to ensure one test on one day is **not** the sole determining factor for promotion to 4th grade (state test, alternative test, portfolio)
- Good cause exemptions for students meeting established criteria

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Alabama (2019) (2022: HB135, HB220, SB200) (2023) (2026)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Foundations of Reading	**State funding:** $151,950,000 for the Alabama Reading Initiative for professional development, summer programming, and support for coaches and support staff, regional level reading specialists, supplements for the cost of local reading coaches, incentives for schools demonstrating growth in grade 3 reading achievement, and other purposes to improve K-3 literacy (FY27 Budget) **State funding:** $36,800,000 directly to local boards for employment of reading coaches to work with students in grades K-3 (FY27 Budget) **State funding:** $142,839,601 to the Alabama Literacy Act as part of Education Trust Fund (2025) **State funding:** Early childhood classroom assessment: $2,750,000	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	· NAEP: Alabama Overview	(1) Alabama Literacy Act - AL Code 16-6G (2) Alabama State Department of Education. Alabama Reading Initiative (3) Alabama Literacy Act Implementation Guide (4) Alabama Action Plan for Literacy: Birth through Grade 12 (2020)
Alaska (2013) (2022)	✓	✓		**Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Content Knowledge	**CLSD FY 2024:** $50,000,000 (5-year grant) **State funding:** Department Reading Program provides funding for schools in lowest performing 25% of schools serving K-3 students to participate in a reading program	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	· NAEP: Alaska Overview	(1) Alaska Reads Act - AS 14.30.760 (2) Early literacy information - AS 14.03.072 (3) Alaska Legislative Task Force on Reading Proficiency and Dyslexia (2019) (4) 4 AAC 06 Department Reading Program
Arizona (2010) (2021) (2022) (2026)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Foundations of Reading	**State funding:** Funding generated by K-3 reading support level weight **State funding:** Early literacy funding [$17,394,000 in FY27 Budget] **State funding:** Early Literacy Program Fund - includes funds to support Foundational Literacy Coaches [$2.6 million] and literacy in eligible schools serving the most at-risk K-3 populations [$12 million] through Early Literacy Grant **State funding:** $1 million to offset cost of training educators in the Dyslexia Training Designee program **Other Funding:** Solicitation of gifts, grants, and donations from lawful public or private sources	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	· NAEP: Arizona Overview	(1) K-3 reading program; dyslexia specialist; dyslexia training - ARS 15-211 (2) Common school; promotions - ARS 15-701 (3) Reading proficiency; dyslexia screening plan - ARS 15-704 (4) Read On Arizona (5) Arizona DOE - Move on When Ready

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Arkansas (2003) (2009) (2017) (2019: HB1763, SB153) (2021: SB62, SB349) (2022) (2023)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Foundations of Reading	**State funding:** ACA 6-20-2305 provides for funding for early intervention resources, including early literacy interventions **State funding:** Funding which may be used for statewide in-school, summer, and after-school literacy, administered by Save the Children for low-income, at-risk children **State funding:** Appropriations in FY27 budget bill for literacy coaches, R.I.S.E. Arkansas to be used for a statewide reading campaign, HQIM **State funding:** The Arkansas legislature reallocated $34.7 million in COVID-19 relief funds to support the LEARNS Act - this includes $6.2 million for literacy coaches, $8.5 million for supplemental education services, and $20 million for high-impact tutoring. ACA 6-17-429, as amended in 2023, provides $500 per eligible student per year for literacy tutoring on a first-come, first served basis, with priority given to eligible students who are to be retained in third grade.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	· NAEP: Arkansas Overview	(1) Reading deficiency and parental notification - ACA 6-15-2004 (2) Right to Read Act - ACA 6-17-429 (3) AR DESE Rules Governing the Right to Read Act (4) AR DESE Rules Governing the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act (AESAA) (5) AR DESE, RISE Arkansas (6) Reading Legislation Guidance Document (March 2022) (7) Arkansas LEARNS
California (1998) (2021: AB104, AB130, SB488) (2023) (2024) (2025: AB121, AB1454)	✓ 2026	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Foundations of Reading OR Commission approved performance assessment that includes literacy instruction	**CLSD FY 2024:** $38 million (5-year grant) **State funding:** Funds for professional development for educators on the English Language Arts/English Language Development Framework and Literacy Roadmap [FY27 budget] **State funding:** $215 million appropriated in 2025 to expand the Literacy Coaches and Reading Specialists Grant; one-time increase of $350 million in FY27 budget to extend until June 30, 2031 **State funding:** $25 million for educator training on the screeners for 2024-2025 **State funding:** $200 million appropriated for professional learning for educators **State funding:** $250,000 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to partner to develop guidance relating to instructional materials **State funding:** $40 million one-time funds in 2025-2026 to administer screenings to assess for risk of reading difficulties; additional funds appropriated in FY27 budget	✓	✓	✓	✓ 2027			✓	✓						· NAEP: California Overview	(1) Cal. Educ. Code 48070 - Promotion and Retention (2) Cal. Educ. Code 53000 - Comprehensive Reading Leadership Program (3) Cal. Educ. Code 60640 - California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (4) Cal. Educ. Code 99220 - California Professional Development Institutes (5) Cal. Educ. Code 33319.6 - Professional Development Programs (6) California Department of Education, State Literacy Plan Team (7) California Department of Education, Literacy

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Colorado (2012) (2015) (2017) (2018) (2019) (2022) (2025)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Praxis Teaching Reading	**CLSD FY 2024:** $21 million (5-year grant) **State funding:** Funding for early literacy - administration and technical support, competitive grant program, evidence-based training provided to teachers, external evaluation, public information campaign, per pupil intervention program, assessment tool program [$42,503,901 in FY26-27 budget bill] **State funding:** Early Literacy Fund [approximately $38 million per year; approximately $1,125,000 per grantee in 2025-26 for professional development]	✓	✓ 2027-2028	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					NAEP: Colorado Overview	(1) Colorado READ Act - CRS 22-7-1201 (2) Rules for Administration of Colorado Reading to Ensure Academic Development Act (READ Act) - 1 CCR 301-92 (3) CDE. Colorado READ Act
Connecticut (2012) (2013: SB996, SB1097) (2015) (2018) (2021) (2026)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Foundations of Reading	**Early literacy Connecticut literacy model work** [$2,215,782 for FY24 and FY25] **State funding:** Funds for after school K-2 reading tutoring [$2 million in FY27 budget, but may be used for other programs] and the Office of Dyslexia **State funding:** $2,000,000 for literacy coaches [FY27 budget]	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					NAEP: Connecticut Overview	(1) Education Evaluation and Remedial Assistance - Chapter 163c (2) UConn - Connecticut Partnership for Literacy Success (3) Connecticut DOE. Literacy/ English Language Arts
Delaware (1998) (2012) (2021) (2022: HB304, SB4)	✓ 2027-2028	✓ 2027-2028	✓	**Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects, Reading and Language Arts subtest	**State funding:** Funding for the Literacy Cadre for a Reading Specialist [FY27 Budget] **State funding:** Funding for implementation of state literacy plan, including funding for Early Literacy Coaches [FY26 Budget; FY27 Budget] **State funding:** Opportunity Funding for mental health, reading support, and targeting students who are low income and English learners [FY25, FY26, FY27 Budgets] **State funding:** $7.2 million for a Bridge to Practice Grant opportunity for school districts and charter schools to implement evidence-based literacy practices grounded in the science of reading **State funding:** $4.5 million supports Reading Interventionists in individual schools, who qualify based on certain criteria, including socioeconomic factors - 45 Reading Interventionists were funded during the 2025-2026 school year	✓	✓	✓	✓ 2027-2028		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	NAEP: Delaware Overview	(1) Matriculation and academic promotion requirements - Delaware Code Title 14, Section 153 (2) Reading screening - Delaware Code Title 14, Section 158 (3) Evidence-based reading curricula - Delaware Code Title 14, Section 4145 (4) Delaware Administrative Code - Title 14 Education, 200 Administration and Operations (5) Delaware Department of Education, Delaware Early Literacy Plan (6) System Alignment for Early Literacy: Review of Delaware's Prekindergarten to Grade 3 Licensure and Certification Landscape (7) Delaware Department of Education. Digital DE, Early Literacy

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District of Columbia (2012) (2022) (2024) (2025)	✓	(Pilot program 2025-2026 and 2026-2027)	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Praxis Teaching Reading (7002)	**CLSD FY 2024:** $49 million (5-year grant) **State funding:** Funds for literacy educators serving K-5 students may receive structured literacy training over 2 consecutive years (FY23 Budget)	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓		✓		· NAEP: DC Overview	(1) Tracking and monitoring - DC Code Title 38, Chapter 7B (2) Prevention of Reading Difficulties - DC Code Title 38, Chapter 25D (3) DC Municipal Regulations, Office of the Supt. of Education - Title 5 Education (4) OSSE - Literacy DC (5) OSSE - State-Wide Comprehensive Literacy Plan
Florida (2001) (2002) (2006) (2021) (2022) (2023) (2024)	✓	✓	✓	**Assessment:** Florida Teacher Certification Exam (FTCE) Elementary Education K-6 test	**CLSD FY 2020:** $21 million (5-year grant) (no cost extension for 2025-2026) **State funding:** FY27 Budget provides funding for challenge grants for public schools which may be used for literacy initiatives; funding for the Florida Dyslexia Center; funding for the development and delivery of a literacy-focused online professional development system for Florida teachers; recurring allocation to implement New Worlds micro-credential program and reading endorsement incentives; funding for the University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning to support statewide initiatives, including to improve student achievement in reading **State funding:** Evidence-Based Reading Instruction Allocation [part of FEFP base funding] **State funding:** Recurring allocation for Regional Literacy Teams [$5 million]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	· NAEP: Florida Overview	(1) Just Read, Florida! Office - F.S. 1001.215 (2) Public school student progression - F.S. 1008.25 (3) Alternative Standardized Reading Assessment and Student Portfolio for Good Cause Promotion - FL Admin. Rule 6A-1.094221 (4) District K-12 Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan - FL Admin. Rule 6A-6.053 (5) Florida DOE, Just Read, Florida! (6) Florida Dept of Education, Evidence-Based Reading Interventions (7) Florida Dept of Education, Literacy Coach Endorsement
Georgia (2001) (2010) (2023) (2025) (2026)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** GACE Literacy Assessment	**Federal funding:** $8 million **CLSD FY 2019:** $179 million (5-year grant) **State appropriations:** Funding for literacy initiatives in FY27 state budget [$70.4 million for literacy coaches; $18.4 million to realign RESA-based literacy coaches with Georgia Early Literacy Act of 2026; $2.4 million for literacy screeners, HQIM, professional learning, new director of literacy; $2.7 million for grants for vision and auditory screening equipment purchases; $527,966 to hire program specialists] **State appropriation:** Funding for literacy initiatives in FY26 state budget [$18,480 for literacy coaches; $1,995,000 for literacy and dyslexia screeners; $2,028,970 for research group for competency-based standards and evaluation for literacy coaches; $1,004,203 for personnel and operations for Georgia Council on Literacy]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	· NAEP: Georgia Overview	(1) Georgia Early Literacy, OCGA 20-2-153.1 (2024) (2) Criteria; specific requirements for students in grades three, five, and eight - OCGA 20-2-283 (2024) (3) Georgia Governor's Office of Student Achievement, Growing Readers (4) Senate Bill 211 (2023) Establishing the Georgia Council on Literacy (5) Georgia Department of Education, Georgia's K-12 ELA Standards (6) Georgia Department of Education, Literacy and Dyslexia Resource Repository

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Hawaii **(2023 (Strategic Plan))** **(2026)**	✓			**Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects, Reading and Language Arts subtest	**CLSD FY 2024:** $60 million (5-year grant)	✓	✓ 2028-2029		✓			✓ 2028-2029	✓ 2028-2029						· NAEP: Hawaii Overview	(1) K-12 Literacy - Hawaii Board Policy 102-2 (2) Hawaii Board Policies (3) Hawaii State Literacy Plan (2020)
Idaho **(2016: H451, H526)** **(2021)** **(2022)** **(2024)** **(2025)**	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment** Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Assessments or Praxis Multiple Subject Test Reading subtest	**State funding:** FY27 appropriation for the support of literacy programs, intervention services for non-Title I schools that fail to achieve proficiency on Idaho's standards-based achievement tests, and other purposes [$2,459,100] **State funding:** Funds set aside for professional development focused on dyslexia training, screening measures, and other dyslexia requirements. **State funding:** Annual appropriations for literacy interventions [$72 million, 2022] **State funding:** $5 million (3-year cycle) for Science of Reading training and coaching support for K-3 educators and administrators [FY27] **State funding:** Educational Support Program [calculation to determine funding provided in statute 33-1002] **State funding:** The Board may allocate funds to higher education institutions to ensure course offerings and graduation requirements are consistent with state's literacy plan.	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓				· NAEP: Idaho Overview	(1) Idaho Literacy Achievement and Accountability Act - ID Code Title 33, Chapter 16 (2) Idaho Literacy Resource Center - Idaho Department of Education (3) Idaho Department of Education, Early Literacy
Illinois **(2014)** **(2023)**	✓		✓	**Assessment** Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS) Elementary Education (1st–6th grade)	**State funding:** Funding for grants, contracts, and administrative expenses for implementation of IL Comprehensive Literacy Plan and IL Comprehensive Numeracy Plan [$1,500,000 in FY27 Budget] **State funding:** Funding for literacy programs administered by education agencies, libraries, volunteers, or community based organizations [FY27 Budget] **State funding:** Funding ranging from $2,000 to $4,000 per district for creation, revision, and implementation of local literacy plans (2025) **State funding:** Reading Improvement Block Grant is repealed effective January 1, 2026													· NAEP: Illinois Overview	(1) Reading Improvement Block Grant Program - ILCS 5/2-3.51 (repealed effective January 1, 2026, per P.A. 104-261) (2) Final grade; promotion - ILCS 5/10-20.9a (3) ILCS 322/40 Illinois Literacy Act (4) Reading Improvement Program - 23 Ill. Admin. Code 260 (5) Illinois Literacy Foundation (created by statute) (6) Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan

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Indiana (2010) (2021) (2022) (2023) (2024: HB1243, SB1, SB6) (2025)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment** Praxis Teaching Reading 5205	**State funding:** Funds through the Science of Reading Grant for literacy coaches, training teachers and principals, increasing instructional time, purchasing curricular materials aligned with the science of reading, and covering costs to obtain literacy endorsements **State funding:** Funding through 2027 from state block grant for PreK-5th grade teachers to complete 80-hours of professional development aligned to the science of reading to complete the Early Literacy Endorsement **State funding:** In the 2023 budget, $10,000,000 may be used for literacy achievement grants and up to $20,000,000 may be used to support the department's initiatives related to the science of reading **State funding:** Funding for the Indiana Literacy Cadre	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	· NAEP: Indiana Overview	(1) Reading Deficiency Remediation Plan - IC 20-32-8.5 (2) Reading Plan - 511 IAC 6.2-3.1 (3) Indiana's Priorities for Early Literacy (4) Indiana Literacy Cadre (5) Literacy Center Hub (6) SOR and Dyslexia Toolkit
Iowa (2012) (2014) (2016: HF2413, F2323) (2017) (2021) (2024: HF2618, HF2545)	✓		✓	✓ **Assessment** Foundations of Reading	**CLSD FY 2024:** $24 million (5-year grant) **State funding:** Early Readers Funding [$7.8 million] **State funding:** Iowa Reading Research Center [$1.5 million] **State funding:** LETRS Professional Learning [$9.2 million] **State funding:** Amira Learning [$3 million] **State funding:** Early Literacy Screener [$1,285,550] **State funding:** Panorama Student Success Dashboard (also supports content areas beyond literacy) [$2,390,000] **State funding:** Decodable book packs for 1st grade students [$3.5 million] **State funding:** Dyslexia Specialist Endorsement Stipend Program **State funding:** Early warning system for literacy [$1,915,000] and Successful progression for early readers [$7,824,782]	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓					· NAEP: Iowa Overview	(1) Student progression - intensive reading instruction - reporting requirements - Iowa Code 279.68 (2) Iowa Department of Education, Early Literacy Implementation (3) State Standards for Progression in Reading - Iowa Admin. Code 62
Kansas (2005) (2022) (2024)	✓		✓	✓ **Assessment** Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (7001), Teaching Reading (7002) subtest	**State funding:** Funding for the Kansas blueprint for literacy [$2,708,205 for FY27]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						· NAEP: Kansas Overview	(1) Same; determination of child's skill level, improvement plans - Kansas Statute 72-3567 (2) KSDE, Dyslexia Handbook 2025 (3) KSDE, Kansas Education Framework for Literacy (2025)

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Kentucky (1998) (2012) (2022) (2025: HB240, SB207) (2026)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment** Praxis Elementary Education: Praxis Test (5205) Teaching Reading: Elementary; Multiple Subjects (5001), Reading and Language Arts (5002) subtest	**CLSD FY 2024:** $54,985,544 (5-year grant) **State funding:** FY26-28 biennium budget provides $12,261,100 in each fiscal year for the Read to Achieve Program; $11,000,000 in each fiscal year for the Read to Succeed Program; $1,200,000 in each fiscal year for the Statewide Reading Research Center **State funding:** Read to succeed fund [$22 million support sustainability] **State funding:** Read to Achieve state reading diagnostic and intervention fund [Kentucky Dept of Education anticipates funding approx 225 schools at $62,000 per year for a two-year period]	✓		✓	✓	✓ 2029-2030	✓	✓	✓		✓					· NAEP: Kentucky Overview	(1) Senate Bill 9 Guidance on the Read to Succeed Act (updated 2024) (2) KDE, Coaching Handbook (3) KDE, Reading and Writing Instructional Resources Consumer Guide (4) KRS 158.806 Read to succeed fund (5) Implementing Kentucky's Read to Succeed Act within an MTSS Framework (6) KDE, Early Literacy Screening Assessments
Louisiana (1997) (2021: SB222, SB216) (2022: HB133, HB852, HB911, HB214) (2023) (2026)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Teaching Reading: Elementary	**CLSD FY 2024:** $70 million to enhance literacy efforts (5-year grant) **Federal funding**: $15 million awarded through the Education Innovation and Research Program to study the impact of high-dosage tutoring for students in grades 1-2 who are reading below grade level (5-year grant) **State funding:** Tutoring - Steve Carter Tutoring Program provides families with $1,500 in digital tutoring vouchers [$5 million] and Accelerate (high-dosage tutoring) for K-5 students below proficiency in literacy and math [$30 million] **State funding:** R.E.A.D. Program, which is a PreK-5th grade book program for at-home libraries [$1 million]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	· NAEP: Louisiana Overview	(1) Quality early literacy initiative - RS 17:24.9 (2) Pupil Progression Policies and Procedures - LA BESE Bulletin 1566 (3) Standards for Approval of Teacher and/or Educational Leader Preparation Programs - LA BESE Bulletin 996 (4) Louisiana's Comprehensive Literacy Plan (5) Supporting Our Youngest Readers: LA Reads - Early Literacy Commission (6) LDE. Louisiana Literacy (7) Press Release: Louisiana Adopts State's First Accountability Plan to Measure Success in Kindergarten through Second Grade
Maine (2015)				**Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects, Reading and Language Arts subtest	**State funding:** One time funds in FY25-26 and FY26-27 for an early literacy grant program [$500 per year]		✓					✓							· NAEP: Maine Overview	(1) Kindergarten to grade 12 interventions - ME Code 207A-4710 (2) Dyslexia screening - ME Code 207A-4710B (3) Maine Rule Chapters for the DOE (see Ch. 13) (4) Literacy Hub

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Maryland (2015) (2019) (2021) (2024)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Teaching Reading: Elementary	**CLSD FY 2024:** $40,260,511 (5-year grant) **State funding:** FY27 Budget includes an appropriation for the Academic Excellence Program, which will be used to support evidence-based literacy and math coaches in public schools [$10.9 million] **State funding:** FY25-26 State Implementation Partnership Grant - funds literacy coaching pilots under the Academic Excellence Program (AEP) [$1.735 million] **State funding:** Ibis Group - expands access for over 5,000 teachers and leaders to participate in high-quality professional learning in the science of reading and earn micro-credentials through SUNY or the AIM Institute	✓ 2026-2027		✓ 2026-2027	✓ (future implementation)	✓	✓ 2026-2027	✓ 2026-2027	✓		✓ 2027-2028	✓ 2027-2028	✓ 2027-2028	✓ 2027-2028	· NAEP: Maryland Overview	(1) Ready to Read Act - Maryland Educ. Code 4-136 (2) Students at Risk for Reading Difficulties - COMAR 13a.03.08 (3) Maryland's Key to Comprehensive Literacy (4) Maryland Leads 2022 (5) Maryland Comprehensive PreK-3 Literacy Policy (6) Adopted Amendments to Comprehensive PreK-3 Literacy Policy Version 4
Massachusetts (2012) (2018) (2019) (2026)	✓		✓	✓ **Assessment:** Foundations of Reading	**CLSD FY 2024:** $38,440,031 (5-year grant) **State funding:** Funding is provided in the FY27 budget for literacy and early literacy grant programs - this includes a reporting requirement for any districts receiving funding [$5,706,750] **State funding:** Early Literacy fund established in law which may be used to develop high-quality curriculum for K-3; to provide grants to districts to support updating curricula and purchasing materials, providing professional development to educators, to meet reporting and assessment requirements **State funding:** Funding is provided in the 2026 budget for Literacy Launch initiative and other early literacy programs, including professional development, educator preparation, and resources [$20 million]. **State funding:** Funding for early literacy tutoring [$25 million]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓				· NAEP: Massachusetts Overview	(1) Performance of public school districts and individual public schools - MGL Chapter 69, Sec. 1I (2) Mass DESE, Early Literacy Screening (3) Mass DESE, GLEAM (Growing Literacy Equity Across Massachusetts) (FY 2025) (4) Mass DESE, Mass Literacy (5) An Excellent Education in English Language Arts and Literacy for All - Literacy Strategic Plan for Massachusetts (6) Mass DESE, Specific Learning Disability: Dyslexia

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Michigan (2015) (2016) (2021) (2022) (2023) (2024: SB567, SB568)	✓ 2027-2028	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) Lower Elementary (PK-3), Subtest 2: Literacy	**CLSD funding:** $16 million (five-year grant) [5 school districts] - operating under a one-year No Cost Time Extension through September 30, 2026 **State funding:** FY27 Budget - implementation for literacy laws [$1 million]; literacy coaches [$52.5 million]; intermediate district funding to establish statewide network of literacy coaches, maintain literacy essentials; training for educators [$75 million]; digital credentialing to track completion of LETRS; MTSS implementation; research and program evaluation activities to support statewide literacy initiatives [$3 million] **State funding:** FY26 State School Aid Funding - this includes Section 35m for literacy series and materials, literacy professional development, and literacy tools or services; Section 35a for training in LETRS [$10 million] and early literacy coaches [$42 million] and additional instructional time, including supports and interventions [$19.9 million] **State funding:** Section 164k - Department may withhold 5% of payment that a district is eligible to receive for as long as the district is out of compliance with use of evidence-based curriculum **State funding:** FY25 State School Aid Act funding to create a Literacy Achievement Committee to evaluate early literacy series and materials, literacy PD, and literacy tools or services [$87 million] **State funding:** READ Innovation Competition (partnership with MDE and Literacy Commission) [$10 million in FY25]	✓	✓ 2027-2028	✓	✓ 2026	✓ 2027	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				· NAEP: Michigan Overview	(1) English Language Arts proficiency - Michigan Code 380.1280f (2) Michigan DOE Early Literacy - Read by Grade Three Law (3) Michigan DOE Literacy in Michigan and Essential Practices (4) Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan (5) Michigan Dyslexia Handbook (6) Michigan PreK-12 Literacy Commission
Minnesota (2001) (2007) (2011) (2016) (2019) (2020) (2021) (2023) (2024) (2025) (2026)	✓		✓	✓ **Assessment:** Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations (MTLE) Elementary Education Test	**State funding:** Appropriations are provided in the newly enacted READ Act for implementation **State funding:** For literacy aid [2026 Appropriation: $4,057,000 for 2025 and $36,049,000 for 2026; 2027 Appropriation: $4,005,000 for 2026 and $36,794,000 for 2027]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓					· NAEP: Minnesota Overview	(1) Reading Proficiently No Later Than the End of Grade 3 - Minn. Statute 120B.12 (2) MDE, READ Act

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Mississippi (2013) (2016) (2026)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Foundations of Reading	**State funding:** The FY27 Budget bill provides funding for the Literacy Initiative and Assessment [$6,805,774]; funding to monitor and evaluate the adoption and implementation of high-quality instructional materials that have been reviewed through the approved state process and distributed through regional textbook depository **State funding:** $15,000,000 annually with $16,881,692.06 over 5 years allotted for literacy coaches (July 2022-June 2027)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	· NAEP: Mississippi Overview	(1) Literacy-based Promotion Act established - Miss. Code Ann. 37-177-1 (2) Miss. Dept of Ed - Literacy (3) Miss. State Literacy Plan (4) Miss. Dept of Ed, Leading in Literacy
Missouri (1999) (2001) (2002) (2016) (2022: SB681 & SB662) (2025)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Praxis Teaching Reading (7002)	**CLSD FY 2024:** $49,184,585 (5-year grant) [$11 million in FY26 Education Budget] **State funding (FY27):** Funding from Evidence-Based Reading Instruction Program Fund for instruction of teachers and administrators in evidence-based literacy program [$3,000,000] and for reimbursement for costs associated with reading assessments, designated reading programs, supplies, and other reading materials [$14,000,000]; implementation of a K-3 reading assessment system for identification of students at risk for dyslexia [$400,000] **State funding (FY26):** Missouri Read, Lead, Exceed Program [$18.5 million]; reading assessments, programs, supplies, and materials costs (reimbursements); implementation of a K-3 reading assessment system for identification of students at risk for dyslexia; early literacy programs targeting 3rd grade reading success in academically struggling school districts; after-school retreat reading and assessment program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	· NAEP: Missouri Overview	(1) Policy for reading success plans - RSMo 167.268 (2) Reading assessments required - RSMo 167.645 (3) Reading instruction act - RSMo 170.014 (4) Council established - RSMo 186.080 (5) Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. English Language Arts (6) Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. DESE's Literacy Initiatives & Efforts
Montana (2023) (2025)				**Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Content Knowledge	**CLSD FY 2024:** $49,998,979 (5-year grant) **Education Innovation and Research Grant (2026-2030):** $10 million in federal funding to scale the Science of Reading and Early Literacy Targeted Intervention work, focused on supporting early literacy outcomes in rural, tribal, and high-needs schools **State funding:** House Bill 352 established funding for early literacy interventions in the form of a summer jump start program, home-based intervention, and four year old classroom based interventions	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓						· NAEP: Montana Overview	(1) Montana Office of Public Instruction - ELA & Literacy Standards (2) Montana Office of Public Instruction - Literacy Programs

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Nebraska (2018) (2021) (2024)	✓	✓	✓	**Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Curriculum and Instruction Assessment	**CLSD FY 2024:** $54,999,967 (5-year grant) - used to advance literacy skills through the use of evidence-based practices, activities, and interventions, including pre-literacy skills, reading, and writing for children birth through Grade 12, with an emphasis on disadvantaged children, including children living in poverty **State funding:** $1.85 million from the Education Future Fund for 2024-25 through 2029-30 for regional coaches and job-embedded training relating to evidence-based reading instruction **State funding:** $5 million (2023) to the Department of Economic Development for tutoring programs that support reading for READ Nebraska	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					· NAEP: Nebraska Overview	(1) Nebraska Reading Improvement Act - Nebraska Statute 79-2601 (2) Nebraska Dept of Ed - NebraskaREADS (3) Nebraska DOE - Nebraska Literacy Plan [under revision] (4) Nebraska DOE - Approved Reading Assessments
Nevada (2015) (2017) (2019) (2021) (2023) (2025)	✓ 2028	✓	✓ 2028	**Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects, Reading and Language Arts subtest	**State funding:** Read by Grade 3 [statewide base per pupil funding amount: $31,429,229 per FY] **State funding:** Assembly bill 400 created the Early Childhood Literacy and Readiness Account (2023), which must be used to support early childhood literacy, which must be evidence-based [$70 million for FY23-24 and $70 million for FY24-25; $12 million for fiscal year 2026-2027] **State funding:** $1 million for fiscal year 2025-26 and $1 million for fiscal year 2026-27 for literacy interventionists and tutoring programs for students in K-5 **Federal funding:** $6 million for the Read by Grade 3 program to expand professional learning opportunities for educators focused on the Science of Reading.	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓ 2028-2029	✓ 2028-2029	✓ 2028-2029	· NAEP: Nevada Overview	(1) Plan to improve literacy of pupils - NRS 388.157 (2) Written notice of deficiency in subject area of reading - NRS 392.750, et al (3) Nevada DOE, Nevada's Read By Grade Three Program
New Hampshire (2016) (2023) (2024)			✓	✓ **Assessment:** Foundations of Reading	**State funding:** Funding for Bridging the Gap in the 603: Pathways to Literacy Proficiency - 5 participating schools selected by the Bureau of Special Education Supports will receive training and coaching in structured literacy **State funding:** Funding for principals and schools leaders for implementation of HQIM (literacy) and alignment of HQIM to MTSS in schools	✓	✓	✓					✓						· NAEP: New Hampshire Overview	(1) English/Language Arts and Reading Program - NH Ed 306.37 (2) New Hampshire Literacy Standards (3) NH Dept of Education, Screening and Intervention for Dyslexia and Related Disorders

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New Jersey (1985) (2014) (2024: A2288, S2644)	✓			**Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects, Reading and Language Arts subtest	**CLSD FY 2024:** $49,951,002 (5-year grant) **State funding:** New Jersey Tiered System of Supports - Early Reading Grant Initiative **State funding:** The FY25 budget included $7.2 million for literacy initiatives **State funding:** $6 million for Cultivating Ongoing Achievement through Coaching in Literacy (COACH) grants (5-year) to hire and train literacy coaches in evidence-based literacy instruction and the state's coaching framework	✓		✓	✓			✓			✓					· NAEP: New Jersey Overview	(1) Pupil promotion, remediation policies - NJ Statute 18A35-4.9 (2) Programs and Practices to Support Student Achievement - NJAC 6A:13 (3) New Jersey Dept of Education - State Systemic Improvement Plan (4) New Jersey Dept of Education - New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS) (5) The New Jersey Literacy Framework: A Guide to Evidence-Based Literacy Practices & Universal Screeners (May 2025) (6) The New Jersey Literacy Framework: A Guide to High-Quality Instructional Materials (July 2025)
New Mexico (2000) (2001) (2019) (2021) (2025) (2026: SB37, SB64)	✓	✓	✓ 2029	✓ **Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Teaching Reading: Elementary	**CLSD FY 2024:** $59,998,625 (5-year grant) **State funding:** FY26 budget provides funding for early literacy, reading support, and structured literacy interventions [$14,000,000 for early literacy and reading support, literacy coach funding; and a general fund appropriation to the state equalization guarantee distribution which includes funding to provide scientifically based literacy programs] **State funding:** FY25 budget provides funding for early literacy, reading support, and structured literacy interventions [$14,000,000 in coaching supports and professional learning; $8,000,000 to support teacher stipends for training in the science of reading and supplemental materials] **State funding:** Through a bill enacted in 2023, the state now provides funding for schools to change their elementary literacy materials to high-quality	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ 2027-2028				· NAEP: New Mexico Overview	(1) Reading initiative; design - NM Statute 22-13-1.3 (2) Intervention for students displaying characteristics of dyslexia - NM Statute 22-13-32 (3) Structured Literacy Instruction - NM Admin Code 6.30.17 (4) NM PED, Structured Literacy New Mexico (5) New Mexico Statewide Literacy Framework (updated January 2026)
New York (2007) (2024) (2025)				**Assessment:** New York State Teacher Certification Exams (NYSTCE) Multi-Subject: Teachers of Childhood (Grades 1-6), Part One: Literacy and English Language Arts	**State funding:** Funding in FY25 and FY27 budgets for teachers in instructional best practices in the teaching of reading to students in grades preK-3 [$10 million to train 20,000 teachers] **State funding:** Funding in FY25, FY26, and FY27 budgets for microcredentialing programs **State funding:** Funding in FY27 budget for statewide reading program				✓										· NAEP: New York Overview	(1) Program requirements for students grades prekindergarten through four - 8 CRR-NY 100.3 (2) Diagnostic screening of pupils - 8 CRR-NY 117 (3) New York State Education Department, Literacy Initiative

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North Carolina (2012) (2021) (2022) (2026)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Foundations of Reading	**State funding:** Funding to purchase literacy packets to be provided to low-performing schools for use in 1st grade classrooms [FY26 appropriations] **State funding:** PRC 085 provides funds for literacy intervention, science of reading professional development, and 3rd grade students who have been retained twice for supplemental tutoring in evidence-based reading services outside of the instructional day **2023 signed budget** includes additional funds for literacy coaches [additional $750,000] **2022 signed budget** includes funds for 115 literacy coaches and bonus pay for reading teachers [$16.5 billion for education total]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	· NAEP: North Carolina Overview	(1) NC Read to Achieve Program - NC G.S. 115C-83.1, et al (2) North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Grade 3 Read to Achieve (RtA) (3) North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Early Literacy
North Dakota (2021)	✓		✓	**Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment	**CLSD FY 2024:** $44,888,744 (5-year grant) **Education Innovation and Research Grant (2026-2030):** Federal funding to expand AI-enabled tutoring statewide, integrating Amira with high-fidelity in grades K-5 through the Rural Education Achievement through AI Coaching and High-Fidelity Supports Program (REACH-ND) **State funding:** $1,000,000 allocated by legislators for the 2025-2027 biennium to continue to provide science of reading opportunities in the state through Regional Education Associations; $300,000 allocated for dyslexia professional development **State funding:** Funding for Amira Learning through 2027, to be provided at no cost to students and families in high-use, high-fidelity school districts **Research grant funding:** Funding for Amira Learning through 2030		✓		✓				✓						· NAEP: North Dakota Overview	(1) Reading curriculum - ND Century Code 15.1-21-12.1 (2) Dyslexia screening and intervention - ND Century Code 15.1-32-26 (3) Professional Development for Grades Kindergarten through Three Reading - ND Admin Rules 67-31-01 (4) North Dakota Literacy Plan (5) NDDPI, Reading Curriculum & PD Annual Report

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Ohio (2003) (2012) (2013) (2015: HB64, HB367) (2018) (2019) (2021) (2023) (2024) (2025)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Foundations of Reading	**CLSD FY 2024:** $60 million (5-year grant) **State funding:** FY26 and FY27 budget includes $12 million for literacy coaches to provide literacy supports to schools with the lowest rates of proficiency in literacy **State funding:** FY24 budget bill provides $86 million for educator training, $64 million for curriculum and instructional materials, and $18 million for literacy coaches **State funding:** Model Demonstration Projects for Early Identification of Students with Dyslexia Grant [$1.2 million over 4 years for dyslexia screener]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (waiver available)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	· NAEP: Ohio Overview	(1) Third-grade reading guarantee - ORC 3313.608 (2) Ohio Department of Education - Third Grade Reading Guarantee (3) Ohio's Plan to Raise Literacy Achievement (4) Ohio LSC, HB33 (2023) Bill Analysis (5) Ohio LSC, HB96 (2025) Bill Analysis
Oklahoma (1997) (2005) (2014) (2015: HB2497, SB630) (2016) (2017: HB1760, SB84) (2019) (2024) (2026)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Foundations of Reading	**CLSD FY 2024:** $58,949,098 (5-year grant) **State funding:** Legislation in 2026 created the Stronger Readers Act Revolving Fund to be used to improve reading outcomes [$43,750,000 in FY27] **State funding:** Funds allocated to districts upon approval of Reading Sufficiency Act plans [allocated for each enrolled K-3 student who is in need of remediation or intervention in reading] **ARP funding:** Oklahoma Science of Reading Academies [$13 million] **State funding:** Legislation in 2024 created the Statewide Literacy Revolving Fund for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for teacher preparation relating to literacy **State funding:** Grants available for schools to provide reading training **State funding:** High-impact tutoring program, focused on research-based, small-group tutoring aligned with the Science of Reading [$3,000,000]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ 2027-2028	✓ 2027-2028	✓ 2027-2028	· NAEP: Oklahoma Overview	(1) Strong Readers Act - O.S. 1210.508A (2) Oklahoma State Department of Education - Strong Readers for Schools (3) Oklahoma State Department of Education - Literacy Policy and Programs

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Oregon (2001) (2023)			✓	**Assessment:** National Evaluation Series: Elementary Education, Subtest I	**CLSD FY 2024:** $57,890,181 (5-year grant) **State funding:** Early Literacy Success Initiative - funds may be used for professional development and coaching, adoption and implementation of high-quality instructional materials, extended learning, high-dosage tutoring, and hiring of specialized literacy staff - Birth to Five Literacy Plan & Grants: $9.3 million - Early Literacy Tribal Grants: $2 million - Early Literacy School District Grants: $93 million - Early Literacy Community Grants: $8 million **State funding:** Summer Learning - $70 million, now being administered as competitive grant program **State funding:** Early Childhood Equity Fund [includes funds for early literacy & family literacy - $10 million annually]	✓	✓		✓			✓		✓						· NAEP: Oregon Overview	(1) Early Success Reading Initiative - Oregon Statute 329.832, et al (2) Oregon Dept of Ed - Oregon's Early Literacy Framework: A Strong Foundation for Readers and Writers (K-5) (3) Oregon Dept of Ed - Early Literacy Success Initiative
Pennsylvania (2022) (2024) (2025)	✓ 2027-2028	✓	✓	**Assessment:** Pennsylvania Educator Certification Test (PECT) PreK-4, Module 2	**State funding:** $10 million FY 2025-2026 budget for literacy initiatives **State funding:** $30 million in FY2025-2026 budget for the Student Teacher Stipend Program to support the teacher pipeline **State funding:** In the 2025-2026 budget, $1,383,481 was allocated for the Ready to Learn block grant **State funding:** $350,000 annually (Training/ Director)	✓ 2027–2028	✓ 2027–2028	✓ 2027–2028	✓	✓ 2027–2028	✓	✓	✓ 2027–2028		✓				· NAEP: Pennsylvania Overview	(1) Elementary education - 22 Pa Code 4.21 (2) Teacher Support in the Structured Literacy Program - 1949 Act 14, Section 1205.8 (3) Pennsylvania State Literacy Plan (4) Pennsylvania Department of Education, English Language Arts
Rhode Island (2019: H5887, S1036) (2020)	✓		✓	**Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (7001), Teaching Reading subtest (7002) ✓ Foundations of Reading	**CLSD FY 2024:** $40 million (5-year grant) **State funding:** $250,000 annually to support work related to Dyslexia - part of this funding is for a full-time staff to support Dyslexia initiatives				✓			✓			✓				· NAEP: Rhode Island Overview	(1) Right to read act - RI Gen Laws 16-11.4-6 (2) The literacy program - RI Gen Laws 16-67-2 (3) Rhode Island Department of Education - The Rhode Island Right to Read Act (4) The Rhode Island Right to Read Act - LEA Guidance Document (updated 2023) (5) Rhode Island Department of Education - Structured Literacy (6) Right to Read Regulations 200 RICR-20-206 (2023)

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South Carolina (2014) (2023) (2024)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Teaching Reading: Elementary ✓ **(2026)** Pearson: Foundations of Reading	**State funding:** $23 million in 2025-2026 to support 1st grade summer reading camp participation **State funding:** FY25 budget includes $7,500,000 for summer reading camps; $9,922,556 for reading coaches; $3,271,026 for reading curriculum; $29,483,100 for reading coaches **State funding:** FY24 budget includes $7,500,000 for summer reading camps; $9,922,556 for reading coaches; $3,271,026 for reading curriculum; $29,483,100 for reading coaches	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ **2025—2027**	✓	✓	✓	✓	· NAEP: South Carolina Overview	(1) Read to Succeed Act - SC Code 59-155-110, et al (2) SC DOE - Read to Succeed
South Dakota (2024)	✓		✓	**Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects, Reading and Language Arts subtest ✓ Praxis Elementary Education Fundamentals Test: Teacher Reading 8006	**CLSD FY 2024:** $53,786,897 (5-year grant) **State funding:** FY24 $6,000,000 for science of reading training over four years							✓			✓					· NAEP: South Dakota Overview	(1) South Dakota Department of Education - State Personnel Development Grant (2) South Dakota Dept. of Ed - Moving Literacy Forward in South Dakota (3) South Dakota Literacy Framework
Tennessee (1999) (2021: SP7003, HB7004) (2023) (2024) (2025) (2026)	✓		✓	✓ **Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Teaching Reading: Elementary	**CLSD FY 2024:** $27,500,000 (5-year grant) **State funding:** K-3 early literacy supports [$500 per student] and additional funding for rising 4th grade students [$500 per student] who scored below proficient on the ELA portion of the third grade TCAP assessment for further literacy support **State funding:** Weighted funding of 20% of the base for each student identified with characteristics of dyslexia through an approved universal reading screener	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	· NAEP: Tennessee Overview	(1) Tennessee Literacy Success Act - Tenn. Code Ann. 49-1-901 (2) Tennessee Learning Loss and Remediation Act - Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6 (3) TN Dept of Education - Reading 360 (4) TN Dept of Education - Promotion & Retention Guidelines and Toolkit - Third & Fourth Grade

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Texas (2006) (2007) (2009) (2019) (2025)	✓		✓	✓ **Assessment:** Science of Teaching Reading Exam	**State funding:** FY26-27 budget provides funds for Literacy Achievement Academies - for teachers who provide reading instruction to students at any grade level with a curriculum including the identification of students with dyslexia **State funding:** FY25 budget provides funds for Literacy Achievement Academies - hosting highly professional, research-based Literacy Achievement Academies for teachers who provide reading instruction at any grade level **State funding:** Math or literacy frameworks [$10 million]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓							· NAEP: Texas Overview	(1) Early Literacy and Numeracy Instruments - TEC 28.0063 (2) TEA - Reading Academies (HB3) (3) TEA - Required Implementation of PK-2 Instruments and Dyslexia Screening for the 2025-2026 School Year and Updates Relating to Grade 7 Reading Diagnostic Administration (4) Texas State Literacy Plan 2025
Utah (2011) (2020) (2022) (2026: HB393, SB241)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Foundations of Reading	**State funding:** Early Literacy Outcomes Improvement [$9,644,300 (ongoing funding)] **State funding:** Literacy coaching and training [base funding amount of at least $75,000 with the remainder of legislative appropriations distributed based on requirements in the law] and proportional distribution of funds to provide training for paraprofessionals who support literacy **State funding:** Development of plan to improve the knowledge of science of reading and ability to apply science of reading instruction of elementary teacher graduates and elementary administrator preparation graduates [$150,000 for FY27]	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓ 2029-2030	✓ 2029-2030	✓ 2029-2030	· NAEP: Utah Overview	(1) Early Literacy - Utah Code 53E-3-10 (2) Benchmark assessments in reading - Utah Code 53E-4-307 (3) Utah State Board - State Standards: English Language Arts (4) Utah P-12 Literacy Framework (2024)
Vermont (1997) (2009) (2018) (2021) (2024) (2025)	✓		✓	**Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects, Reading and Language Arts subtest	**State funding:** $700,000 in FY27 for Read Vermont	✓		✓				✓	✓		✓				· NAEP: Vermont Overview	(1) Preventing early school failure; reading instruction - 16 V.S.A. 2903 (2) Report of the Advisory Council on Literacy (2022) (3) Legislative Report, Improving Literacy Learning (2026)

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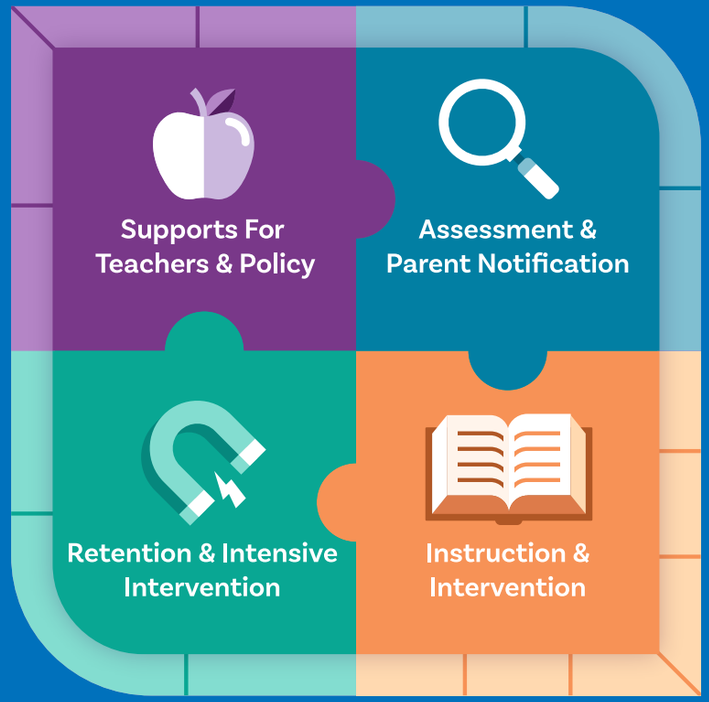
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Virginia (1997) (1998) (2022) (2023) (2024: HB647/SB624)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Teaching Reading: Elementary	**CLSD FY 2024:** $29,712,500 (5-year grant) - some funds for 2024 will be used for the 2024-2025 Literacy Grant, with priorities including English Learner Literacy Network, Students with Disabilities Literacy Network, and family engagement resources **State funding (FY25 & FY27):** Funds to support literacy coaching, professional development, and technical assistance, and professional development; funds for development and implementation of the statewide literacy screener **State funding:** Early Reading Intervention Initiative	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				· NAEP: Virginia Overview	(1) Standards of Quality - Virginia Code Title 22.1, Chapter 13.2 (2) Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia - 8 VAC20-81 (3) Student achievement expectation - 8 VAC20-132-40 (4) Virginia Dept of Education - Virginia Literacy Act
Washington (2013) (2026)	✓		✓	**Assessment:** National Evaluation Series: Elementary Education, Subtest I	**State funding:** Learning Assistance Program (LAP) state funds for districts implementing program for K-4 struggling students **State funding:** Funding for the Washington Reading Corps		✓	✓	✓ 2027			✓			✓				· NAEP: Washington Overview	(1) Reading skills - Intensive reading and literacy improvement strategy - RCW 28A.655.235 (2) Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction - English Language Arts (3) Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction - Washington Reading Corps (4) Washington Office of Sup. of Public Instruction - UPDATE: K-4 Reading Levels (2022)
West Virginia (2009) (2014) (2021) (2023)	✓		✓	✓ **Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Teaching Reading: Elementary	**State funding:** Transformative System of Early Literacy [$5.7 million annually] **State funding:** Funding is provided in the FY25 and FY26 budgets [$5,724,015] and FY27 budget [$5,728,867] for the Early Literacy Program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ No timeline specified	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	· NAEP: West Virginia Overview	(1) Transformative system of support for early literacy - WV Code 18-2E-10 (2) WVBE Rule 2512 Tiered System of Support for Early Literacy and Numeracy (3) West Virginia Department of Education, Ready, Read, Write, West Virginia

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Wisconsin (1977) (1995) (1997) (2011) (2012) (2015) (2019) (2023)	✓	✓	✓	✓ **Assessment:** Foundations of Reading	**State funding:** Funding in the 2025 budget for early literacy initiatives for grants relating to literacy curriculum adoption and additional funding for LEAs to offset the costs of administering diagnostic assessments of early literacy skills **State funding:** Wisc. Code 118.015, added in 2023, provides that the department should award grants to reimburse school boards participating in a program that adopt a literacy curriculum from the recommendations adopted by the department. **State funding:** Wisc. Code 118.016, enacted in 2023, provides that the department must pay school boards the per pupil cost of each reading readiness assessment required to be administered. Beginning in 2025-26, the school may still be reimbursed, but certain requirements must be met, including reporting requirements. **State funding:** The budget provides providing for Early literacy program grants [$500,000]; Assessments of reading readiness [$2,151,000]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓ 2027	✓ 2027	✓ 2027	· NAEP: Wisconsin Overview	(1) Reading instruction - Wisc. Code 118.015 (2) Assessments of reading readiness - Wisc. Code 118.016 (3) School District Standards - Wisc. DPI Rules Chapter PI8 (4) Wisconsin DPI - Reading in Wisconsin
Wyoming (2001) (2011) (2012) (2013) (2015) (2019) (2022) (2025) (2026)	✓			**Assessment:** Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects, Reading and Language Arts subtest	**CLSD FY 2025**: $24.4 million (5 year grant) **State funding:** Funding to employ one full-time employee position at the Department of Education to assist districts in implementing a reading assessment and intervention program and the language and literacy programs required by statute [$240,000 for two years]	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					· NAEP: Wyoming Overview	(1) Wyoming Department of Education - Language and Literacy (2) Wyoming Department of Education - K-3 Reading Assessment and Intervention


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