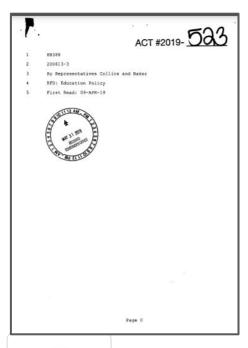


The Alabama Literacy Act & Its Impact on Alabama Classrooms



The Spirit of the Alabama Literacy Act



Turn to your shoulder partner(s) and talk about what the Alabama Literacy Act embodies?



The Spirit of the Alabama Literacy Act

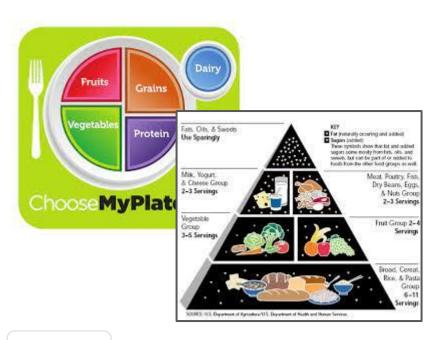


Let's look at the wording from the law that outlines the purpose.

"Relating to public education; to establish the Alabama Literacy Act; to implement steps to improve the reading proficiency of public school kindergarten to third grade students and ensure that those students are able to read at or above grade level by the end of the third grade by monitoring the progression of each student from one grade to another, in part, by his or her proficiency in reading.



Healthy Choices for Literacy



Just as we have to make healthy choices for what we put in our bodies to have the most healthy outcome, the same is true for literacy.



Act provides a

STRUCTURE

for making healthy
choices for literacy.





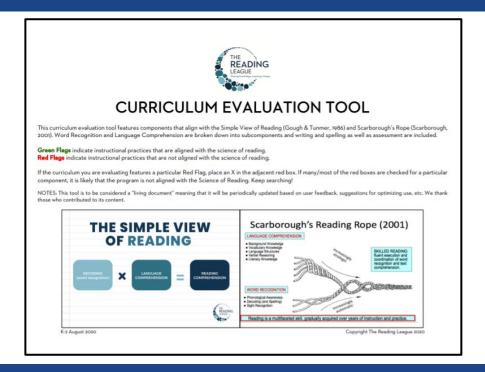
Comprehensive Core

Reading Programs based on the Science of Reading





Reading League Curriculum Evaluation Tool





The **Literacy Task Force** has vetted two that meet the Science of Reading Requirements.





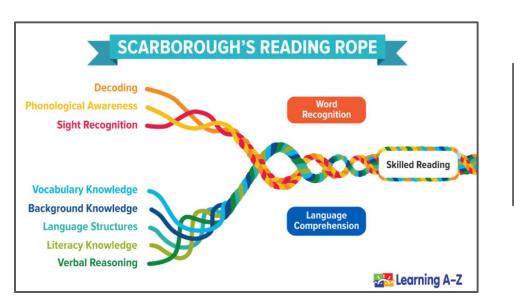
The **science of reading** is a vast, interdisciplinary body of **scientifically-based research** about reading and issues related to **reading and writing**.

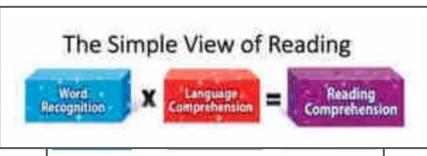
This research has been **conducted over the last five decades** across the world, and it is derived from thousands of studies conducted in multiple languages.

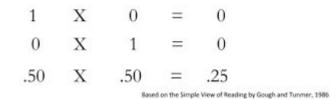
The science of reading has culminated in a **preponderance of evidence** to inform **how proficient reading and writing develop; why some have difficulty; and how we can most effectively assess and teach** and, therefore, improve student outcomes through prevention of and intervention for reading difficulties.

~The Reading League











Assessments





Assessment Programs Approved by the ALSDE

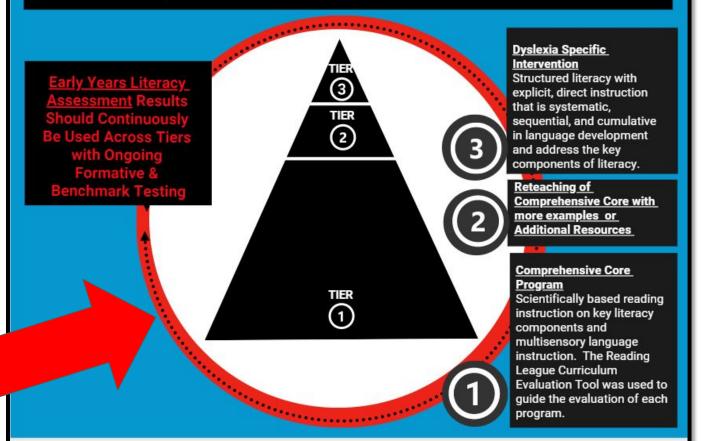






Literacy Instructional Materials

Utilizing Approved Reading Materials



Dyslexia Specific Interventions





You Should Have at Least One of the Approved Dyslexia Specific Interventions



Dyslexia Specific Intervention Programs

Recommended by the Literacy Task Force

- Take Flight (Scottish Rite for Children)
- SPIRE (School Specialty)
- Project Reading (Language Circle Enterprises)
- Phonics First (Brainspring)

Additional Approved Programs

- Reading Horizons
- Read Well (Voyager)
- Sonday System 1 & 2 (Winsor Learning)
- IMSE (Institute for Multi-Sensory Education)
- Sound Partners (Voyager)

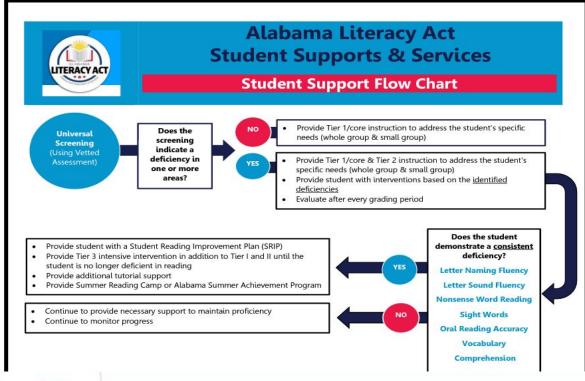


Plans to Address Deficiencies





IDENTIFYING READING DEFICIENCIES



Provide Tier 1 & 2 instruction and provide intervention based on identified deficiency.

(Reviewing assessment data should be reviewed each grading period at a minimum.)



Student Reading Improvement Plan Requirements

The reading improvement plan shall

- (1) Be <u>created by</u> the teacher, principal, other pertinent school personnel, and the parent or legal guardian of the student.
- (2) Shall <u>describe</u> the evidence-based reading intervention services, including dyslexia specific intervention services, that the student shall receive to improve the reading deficit.

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Additional Intervention Support

Offer Summer Reading Camp to all K-3rd grade students with a Student Reading Improvement Plan (SRIP).

Full Support Schools must invite all K-3 students regardless of deficiency status

Summer reading camps, at a minimum, shall include 70 hours of time in scientifically based reading instruction and intervention.

Third grade students with a deficiency shall be offered before and/or afterschool tutoring.



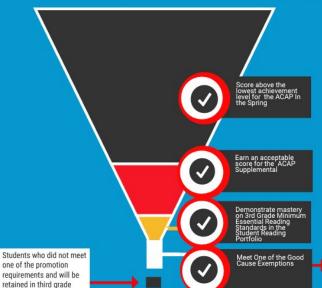




Grade Level Ready Performance Outcomes

Promotion Based Decisions





Good Cause Exemptions

Students with disabilities whose Individual Education Plan indicates that participation in the statewide assessment program is not appropriate, consistent with state law.

Students identified as English language learners who have had less than two years of instruction in English as a second language.

Students with disabilities who participate in the statewide English language arts reading assessment and who have an Individual Education Plan or a Section504 plan that reflects that the student has received intensive reading intervention for more than two years and who still demonstrates a deficiency in reading and was previously retained in kindergarten, first grade, second grade, or third grade.

Students who have received intensive reading intervention for two or more years and who still demonstrate a deficiency in reading and who were previously retained in kindergarten, first grade, second grade, or third grade for a total of two years.

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ACAP Reading Cut Score Recommendations

To Be Voted on at the November 10 State Board of Education Meeting

<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>		
Below 448	Below 452		
22%	23%		
These students would have a portfolio started on them according to the portfolio guidance by the Literacy Task Force.	These students would have needed an alternative path to promotion if the ALA had been fully in effect. This could be through: • ACAP Supplemental • Portfolio • Good Cause for Promotion		



Families





ALSDE and Alabama Family Central Helping Families





Family & Community Specialist and Newsletter



A Gift For Families



Our Mission

The Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI) is a statewide K-3 initiative committed to supporting the development of high-quality instruction that will prepare all students with the literacy skills needed to meet or exceed grade-level standards. The goal of the ARI is to significantly improve reading instruction and ultimately achieve 10% literacy among public school students.

Tis' the season for giving!

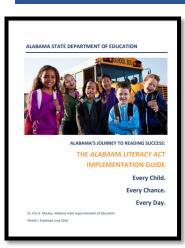
The Alabama Reading Initiative is excited to share twelve days of literacy activities with families this season. Let's keep the spirit of the season alive with some fun! Take a look at these exciting literacy activities to keep your child engaged this holiday season!



Here Are Your 12 Days of Literacy Activities!



Parent Notification of Deficiency



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- 1. A statement that <u>the student has been identified as having a deficiency</u> in reading or exhibits the characteristics of dyslexia
- 2. Notice that a reading improvement <u>plan shall be developed by the teacher, principal, other</u> <u>pertinent school personnel, and the parent or legal guardian</u>.
- 3. A description of the <u>current services</u> that are provided to the student.
- 4. A description of the <u>proposed evidence-based reading interventions and supplemental</u> <u>instructional services and supports</u> that shall be proposed for discussion
- 5. Notification that the <u>parent or legal guardian shall be informed in writing at least monthly of the progress</u> of the student towards grade level reading.
- **6.** <u>Strategies and resources for the parent or legal guardian</u> to use at home to help the student succeed in reading.
- 7. A statement that if the reading deficiency of the student is <u>not addressed by the end of third</u> <u>grade</u>, the student will <u>not be promoted to fourth grade</u> unless a good cause exemption is satisfied.
- 8. A statement that while the statewide <u>reading assessment is the initial determinant</u> for promotion, the assessment is <u>not the sole determiner</u> at the end of third grade.
- 9. Students shall be provided with a <u>test-based student portfolio option</u> and an <u>alternative reading</u>



Professional Learning

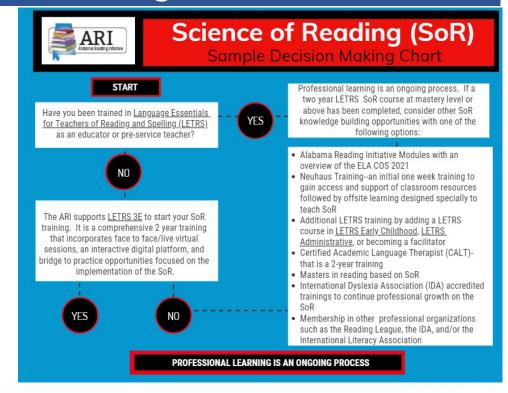






Sample Ongoing Professional Learning

- Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading & Spelling (LETRS)
 - Elementary
 - Early Childhood
 - Administrative
- ARI Structured Literacy Overview Modules
- Neuhaus Training
- Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT)
 Certification
- Masters Degree in reading based on SoR
- International Dyslexia Association (IDA) Accredited Trainings
- Membership offerings from Professional Organizations that support SoR
- Dyslexia Awareness Modules





LETRS Professional Learning

Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) Training is a dynamic, blended model of professional development for instructors of reading, spelling and related language skills, that accelerates teacher knowledge by translating the science of reading research into practical guidance. The Alabama LETRS project began in 2018 with approximately 200 educators from across the state. Since its inception, over 14,500 courses have begun.

•In Progress: 4,207 Educators Year 1 Complete: 5,129 Educators •Year 2 Complete: 2,485 Educators Educators •In Progress: 905 Educators Year 1 Complete: 876 Educators •In Progress: 603 Educators Year 1 Complete: 328 Educators





University Adjustments to Professional Learning

- Literacy Task Force Representation
- CALT Preparation Programs
- CALT Endorsement Incentives
- Collaborative processes for accreditation with support from Barksdale Institute
- Credit Hours in SoR
- Continuum of Teacher Development,
 RIC influence, and PL Activities to
 support

Institutions of Higher Education and the Alabama Literacy Act

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4	8	(9) One dean of a college of education appointed by the Alabama Commission on <u>Higher</u> Education.		
29	5 6 7 8 9	(2) Teacher preparation programs at public colleges and universities in the state shall offer dyslexia therapy teacher preparation courses that are approved by the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council or the International Dyslexia Association. Multi-institutional consortia or affiliations to assure access	CALT preparation courses—IMSLE or IDA	
29	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	(3) Subject to appropriations from the Legislature, the State Superintendent of Education and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education shall develop and approve a dyslexia therapist endorsement incentive, which shall be available to teachers who attain the dyslexia therapist endorsement, with direct student contact. The State Superintendent of Education shall construct parameters for earning the dyslexia therapist endorsement incentive.	CALT endorsement incentive https://www.alabamaachieves.or g/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Certified-Academic-Language_Therapist-CALT-ETF-Appropriations-Bill-Act-2021-342.pdf	

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Coaching

Joyce and Showers research of 2002 demonstrated the importance of coaching in order to support transfer to practice of new knowledge.

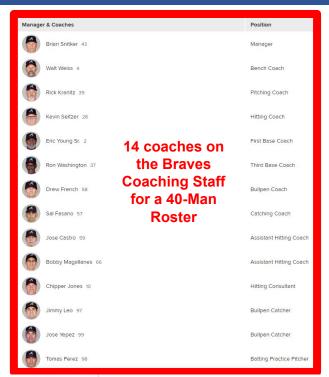
Professional Development <u>AND</u> Ongoing Coaching & Support

	% of Learners who will					
Components of Training	know how to do it	be able to do it	do it consistently in daily practice			
Presentation/Lecture	10%	5%	0%			
+Presenter Modeling	enter Modeling 30%		0%			
+Participant Practice & Feedback	60%	60%	5%			
+Ongoing Coaching & Admin Support	95%	95%	95%			

Joyce & Showers, 2002



Even the Best in the World Need Coaching







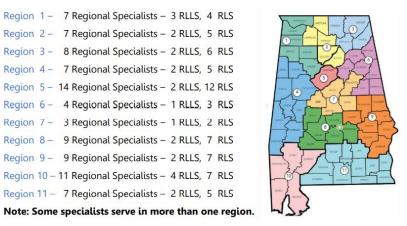
Coaching

ARI Staff

The ARI currently has eight full-time ALSDE staff members: one program coordinator, one education administrator, five education specialists, and one administrative support assistant. There are three part-time contract staff members that work in conjunction with the ALSDE staff to support the Alabama LETRS project.

There are 57 Regional Literacy Specialists (RLS); 51 full-time and six part-time who support 11 Regional Inservice Centers. There are 18 Regional Literacy Leadership Specialists (RLLS); 13 full-time and five part-time who support the eleven Regional Inservice Centers. These regional specialists support more than 16,000 kindergarten through third grade Local Reading Specialists, teachers, and administrators across the state.

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Region 1 - 7 Regional Specialists - 3 RLLS, 4 RLS
Region 2 - 7 Regional Specialists - 2 RLLS, 5 RLS
Region 3 - 8 Regional Specialists - 2 RLLS, 6 RLS
Region 4 - 7 Regional Specialists - 2 RLLS, 5 RLS
Region 5 - 14 Regional Specialists - 2 RLLS, 12 RLS
Region 6 - 4 Regional Specialists - 1 RLLS, 3 RLS
Region 7 - 3 Regional Specialists - 1 RLLS, 2 RLS
Region 8 – 9 Regional Specialists – 2 RLLS, 7 RLS
Region 9 - 9 Regional Specialists - 2 RLLS, 7 RLS
Region 10 - 11 Regional Specialists - 4 RLLS, 7 RLS
Region 11 - 7 Regional Specialists - 2 RLLS, 5 RLS
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When you think of the Alabama Literacy Act, ...

...I want you to think...





The Alabama Literacy
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The Three Little Pigs and...





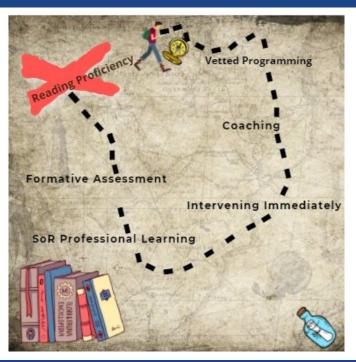
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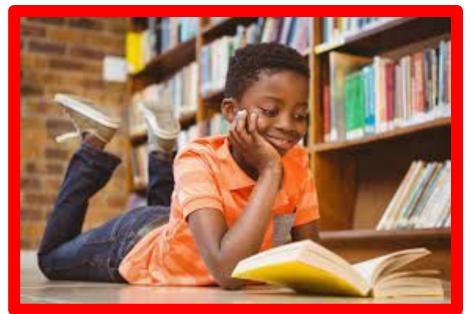
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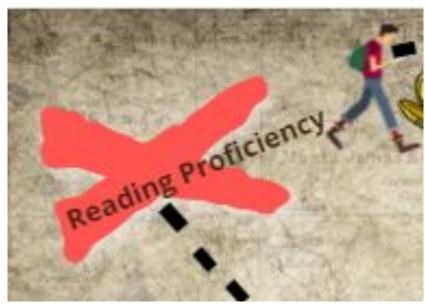






...that Leads to Reading Proficiency.





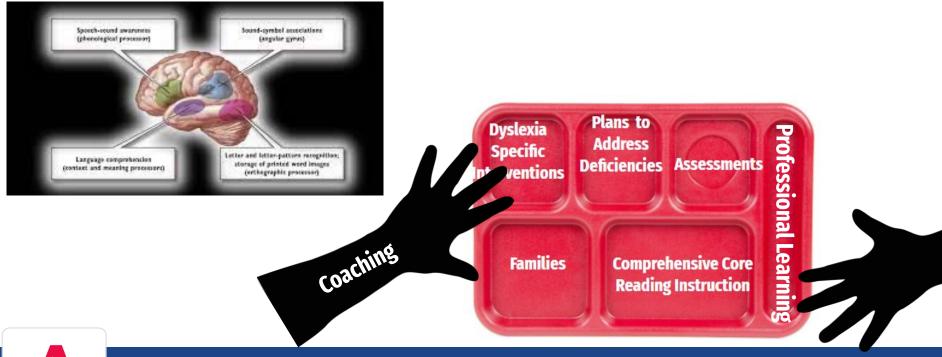


A Healthy Plate of Reading Tenants...



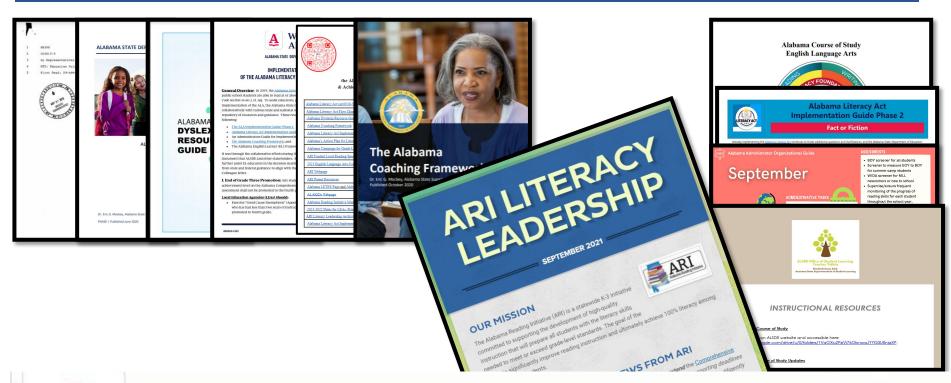


...that Result in Nourished Minds Ready to Tackle Their Grade Content





Support Samples for Schools for ALA Implementation





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