The Road to Reading Endorsement

The state of Florida requires the following teachers be reading endorsed or certified:

- Any teacher who is teaching reading to retained third graders, including summer reading camp [s.1008.25(7)(b)3.F.s takes effect on July 1, 2020]
- Any K-12 teacher who is providing intensive reading intervention (MTSS Tier 3 students as defined by the K-12 Comprehensive Reading Plan) [s.1011.62(9)(c)7(d)1 F.S. takes effect at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year]
- Any 7-12 teacher teaching a state-coded reading course (intensive, developmental, advanced, honors, ESE Resource, ESE Fuse, FSA/SAT Prep)

The Reading Endorsement Program consists of 5 courses taken one at a time in numerical order. Reading Endorsement must appear on a teacher’s certificate for the teacher to be in compliance with state law.

If you have an elementary education or an ESE K-12 degree and...

- your college transcript declares Reading Endorsement was included, 
  ...contact your district Certification representative and apply to add on the Reading Endorsement to your FL teaching certificate.
- your college transcript does not declare Reading Endorsement was included,
  ...go to the FLDOE website and apply to add on the Reading Endorsement to your FL teaching certificate. You will have to pay the $75 add-on fee.
  
  Wait for the DOE to send you a Status of Eligibility letter before taking any course work.
  
  When you receive your Status of Eligibility letter, send it to Kathryn Robinson for processing.
  
  After taking your required courses, contact your district Certification representative and complete the add-on process.

If you have a 7-12 content area degree and have signed an Agreement to Earn...

- and you are a graduate of a Teacher Education Program,
  ...register to take Competency 1 during the first available round of courses after signing your Agreement.
  
  After completing Competency 1, register & complete Competency 2 before the anniversary date of your signing the Agreement to Earn.
  
  Complete Competencies 3 and 4 in the second year of your agreement, and Competency 5 in the third year.
  
  Contact your district Certification representative and apply to add on the Reading Endorsement to your FL teaching certificate.

- and you are NOT a graduate of a Teacher Education Program,
  ...register to take either ACP’s course “Reading to Learn” OR Competency 1 during the first available round of courses after signing your Agreement.
  
  ACP’s “Reading to Learn” counts for Competency 2. You must complete Competency 1 and “Reading to Learn” before the anniversary date of your signing the Agreement to Earn.
  
  Complete Competencies 3 and 4 in the second year of your agreement, and Competency 5 in the third year.
  
  Contact your district Certification representative and apply to add on the Reading Endorsement to your FL teaching certificate.
Hillsborough County School District offers a state-approved Reading Endorsement program free of charge to our teachers. The district also accepts state-approved online courses from North East Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC) for Competencies 1, 2, 3, and 4 credit. Teachers must take Competency 5 through the district.

An endorsement is a “rider” on top of a valid Florida teaching certificate with another subject coverage and denotes a particular expertise in an instructional level or methodology. An endorsement cannot stand alone on a certificate.

Certification stands on its own. There are two plans to earn reading certification:

**Plan One**: master’s or higher degree with a graduate major in reading, or

**Plan Two**: A bachelor's or higher degree with thirty (30) semester hours in reading that include specified hours in certain areas.

Check with Florida DOE Certification for complete criteria to earn reading certification.

Teachers register through the Professional Development System (PDS) for the Hillsborough County School District’s Reading Endorsement courses. Courses are offered three times per year.

Registration for Reading Endorsement courses opens each year on:
- **July 1** for classes starting in August
- **November 1** for classes starting in January
- **April 1** for classes starting and ending in June

Teachers who do not meet the start date for the state statutes s. 1011.62(9)(c)7.(d)1 F.S. or s. 1008.25(7)(b)3 F.S. will sign an Agreement to Earn the Reading Endorsement.

Tier 3 defined as:

- **K**—Fall Star Early Literacy between 1st & 15th percentile and i-Ready Overall Reading Diagnostic between 1st & 15th percentile
- **1**—i-Ready Overall Reading Diagnostic between 1st & 15th percentile
- **2**—i-Ready Overall Reading Diagnostic between 1st & 15th percentile
- **Grade 3**—FSA scale score range is 240-254 and i-Ready Diagnostic between 1st & 15th percentile
- **Grade 4**—FSA scale score range is 251-266 and i-Ready Diagnostic between 1st & 15th percentile
- **Grade 5**—FSA scale score range is 257-272 and i-Ready Diagnostic between 1st & 15th percentile
- **Grade 6**—FSA scale score range is 257-272
- **Grade 7**—FSA scale score range is 259-275
- **Grade 8**—FSA scale score range is 267-283
- **Grade 9**—FSA scale score range is 274-289
- **Grade 10**—FSA scale score range is 276-293

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