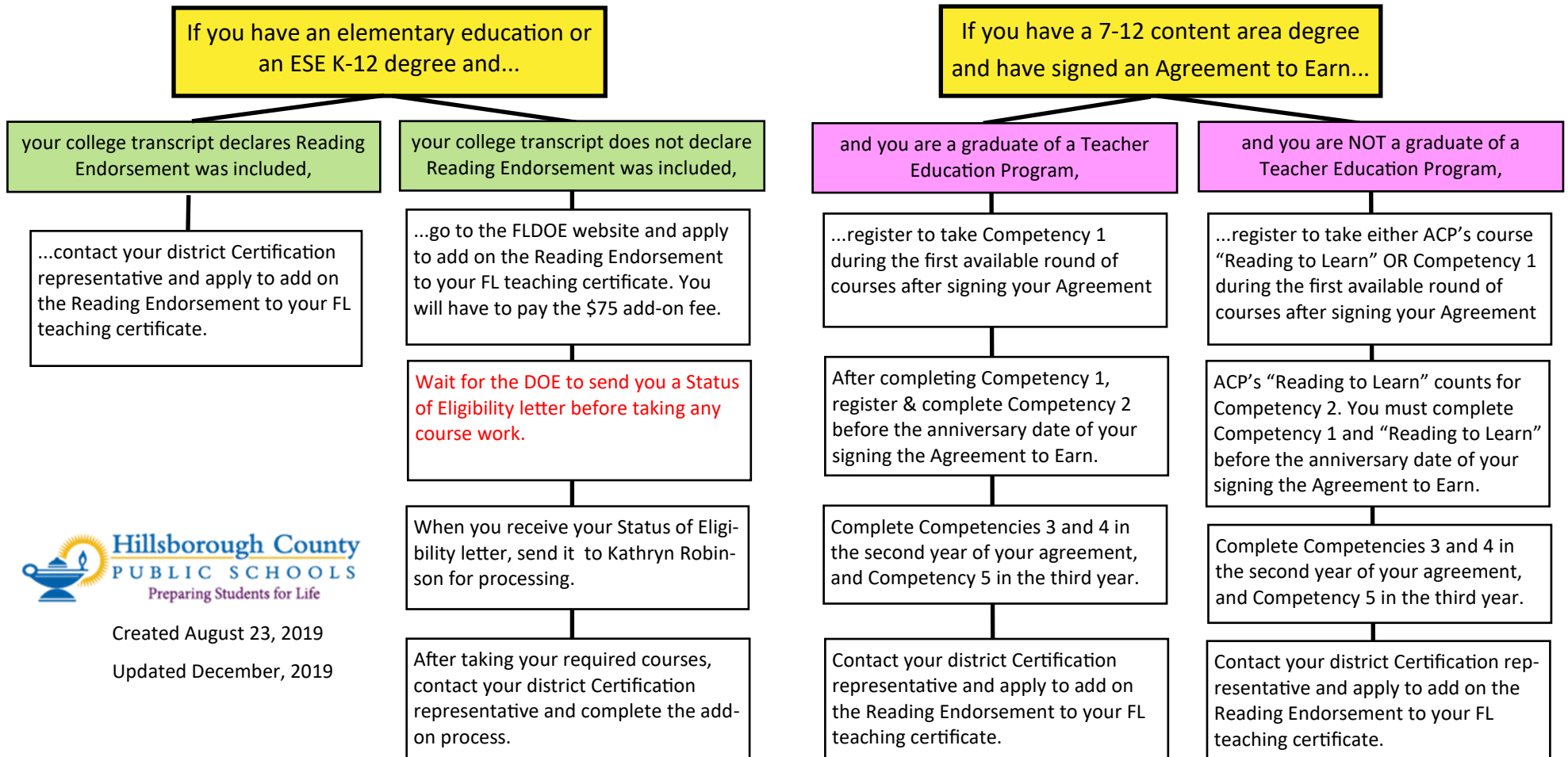


The Road to Reading Endorsement

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.



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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.

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.

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

Tier 3 defined as:

K—Fall Star Early Literacy between 1st & 15th percentile and i-Ready Overall Reading Diagnostic between 1st & 15th percentile

1–2—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

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.