

Reading Endorsement Requirements as of July 1, 2019

Kindergarten - Grade 5

According to the Just Read, Florida! Office, any K-5 teacher who falls under either of the state statutes listed below must be reading endorsed or certified.

Florida State Statutes

s. 1011.62(9)(c)7.(d)1 F.S.

(9) RESEARCH-BASED READING INSTRUCTION ALLOCATION.

(c) Funds allocated under this subsection must be used to provide a system of comprehensive reading instruction to students enrolled in the K-12 programs, which include the following:

7. Intensive interventions for students in kindergarten through grade 12 who have been identified as having a reading deficiency **or** who are reading below grade level as determined by the statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment.

The plan [*K-12 Comprehensive Reading Plan*] ... shall provide for intensive reading through integrated curricula, provided that, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, the interventions are delivered by a teacher who is certified or endorsed in reading. Such interventions must incorporate strategies identified by the Just Read, Florida! Office pursuant to s. 1001.215(8) interventions.

s. 1008.25(7)(b)3 F.S.

Provide students who are retained under paragraph (5)(b), including students participating in the school district's summer reading camp under subparagraph (a)2., with a highly effective teacher as determined by the teacher's performance evaluation under s. 1012.34, and, beginning July 1, 2020, the teacher must also be certified or endorsed in reading.

Impact on Teachers:

- Any K-5 teacher, including an ESE or ESOL teacher, who is assigned to provide intensive reading intervention (**MTSS Tier 3 students as identified by the K-12 Comprehensive Reading Plan¹**) must be reading endorsed or certified by the start of the 2020-2021 school year. This does not necessarily mean a teacher who has Tier 3 students in his/her classroom, but a teacher who is actually assigned to provide the Tier 3 intervention instruction.
- Any teacher who teaches reading to retained third grade students, including students in the third grade summer reading camps, must be reading endorsed or certified by July 1, 2020.
- If a K-5 teacher who is required to earn the Reading Endorsement has not completed the program by the deadline, s/he will be required to sign an Agreement to Earn the Reading Endorsement.

¹ Grades K Tier 3 students are defined as:

Student's i-Ready Overall Reading Diagnostic score is between the 1st and 15th percentile and
Student's Kindergarten Star Early Literacy Fall percentile is between the 1st and 15th percentile.

Grades 1-2 Tier 3 students are defined as:

Student's i-Ready Overall Reading Diagnostic score is between the 1st and 15th percentile and

Grade 3-5 Tier 3 students are defined as:

Student's i-Ready Overall Reading Diagnostic score is between the 1st and 15th percentile and

FSA Scale Scores

Grade 3 scale score range: 240-254

Grade 4 scale score range: 251-266

Grade 5 scale score range: 257-272

Grades 6-12

According to the Just Read, Florida! Office, any Grade 6-12 teacher who is required by state statute or by reading course code number must be reading endorsed or certified.

Florida State Statute

s. 1011.62(9)(c)7.(d)1 F.S.

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7. Intensive interventions for students in kindergarten through grade 12 who have been identified as having a reading deficiency or who are reading below grade level as determined by the statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment.

The plan [*K-12 Comprehensive Reading Plan*] ... shall provide for intensive reading through integrated curricula, provided that, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, the interventions are delivered by a teacher who is certified or endorsed in reading. Such interventions must incorporate strategies identified by the Just Read, Florida! Office pursuant to s. 1001.215(8) interventions.

Impact on Teachers:

Grade 6

- In previous years, 6th grade teachers teaching intensive reading intervention courses met state certification requirements with a K-6 degree. **New legislation referenced in the state statute above requires any Grade 6 teacher, including an ESE or ESOL teacher, who is providing intensive reading intervention (MTSS Tier 3 students as defined by the K-12 Comprehensive Reading Plan²) to students in a state-coded reading course be reading endorsed or certified.**
- If a student is classified as a MTSS Tier 3 student, **as defined by the K-12 Comprehensive Reading Plan**, and is **NOT assigned** to a reading course, **the teacher who is responsible for providing intensive reading intervention and monitoring the student's progress MUST be reading endorsed or certified as required by the above referenced state statute.**
- If a grade 6 teacher who is required by state statute to earn the Reading Endorsement has not completed the program by the deadline, s/he will be required to sign an Agreement to Earn the Reading Endorsement.

Grade 7 & 8

- **Previous legislation** that requires any **7th or 8th** teacher, including an ESE or ESOL teacher, who is assigned to teach **any** state-coded reading course be reading endorsed or certified is **still in effect**. This includes the following courses in these grades:
 - Grade 7 Intensive Reading IIA (Course # 1000010B)
 - Grade 7 Developmental Reading II – Read 180 (Course # 100001021)
 - Grade 7 Developmental Reading II – Paths (Course # 100001075)
 - M/J Reading 2, Advanced (Course # 10080505)
 - Grade 8 Intensive Reading IIIA (Course # 1000010C)
 - Grade 8 Developmental Reading (Course # 100001095)
 - Grade 8 M/J Reading 3, Advanced (Course # 10080805)
- If a grade 7 or 8 teacher assigned to teach a state-coded reading course is out-of-field, s/he will be required to sign an Agreement to Earn the Reading Endorsement.

² Grade 6 Tier 3 students are defined as:
Grade 6 FSA scale score range: 257-272

- If a student is classified as a MTSS Tier 3 student, **as defined by the K-12 Comprehensive Reading Plan,³** and is **NOT assigned** to one of the above reading courses, **the teacher who is responsible for providing intensive reading intervention and monitoring the student’s progress MUST be reading endorsed as required by the above referenced state statute.**
- If a grade 7 or 8 teacher who is required by state statute to earn the Reading Endorsement has not completed the program by the deadline, s/he will be required to sign an Agreement to Earn the Reading Endorsement.

Grade 9-12

- **Previous legislation** that requires any **grade 9-12** teacher, including an ESE or ESOL teacher, who is assigned to teach any state-coded reading course be reading endorsed or certified is **still in effect.** This includes the following courses in these grades:
 - Grade 9 Intensive Reading I (2-period block) (Course # 10004100/100041001)
 - Grade 9 Intensive Reading II (2-period block) (Course # 10004102/100041022)
 - Grade 9 Intensive Reading II (Course # 10004102)
 - Grade 9 Reading I (Course # 10083001)
 - Grade 9 Reading Honors (Course # 10083205)
 - Grade 10 Reading 2B (Course # 1008310BB)
 - Grade 10 ESE Resource (Course # 1008310BD)
 - Grade 10 ESE Fuse (Course # 1008310BF)
 - Grade 10 Reading 2C (Course # 1008310CC)
 - Grade 10 ESE Resource (Course # 1008310CD)
 - Grade 10 ESE Fuse (Course # 1008310CF)
 - Grade 11 Junior FSA/SAT Prep (Course # 10083303)
 - Grade 11 ESE Resource (Course # 10083303D)
 - Grade 11 ESE Fuse (Course # 10083303F)
 - Grade 12 Senior FSA/ACT Prep (Course # 10004104)
 - Grade 12 ESE Resource (Course # 10004104D)
 - Grade 12 ESE Fuse (Course # 10004104F)
- If a grade 9-12 teacher assigned to teach a state-coded reading course is out of field, s/he will be required to sign an Agreement to Earn Reading Endorsement.
- If a student is classified as a MTSS Tier 3 student, **as defined by the K-12 Comprehensive Reading Plan,⁴** and is **NOT assigned** to one of the above reading courses, **the teacher who is responsible for providing intensive reading intervention and monitoring the student’s progress MUST be reading endorsed as required by the above referenced state statute.**
- If a grade 9-12 teacher who is required by state statute to earn the Reading Endorsement has not completed the program by the deadline, s/he will be required to sign an Agreement to Earn the Reading Endorsement.

³ Grades 7-8 Tier 3 students are defined as:
 Grade 7 FSA scale score range: 259-275
 Grade 8 FSA scale score range: 267-283

⁴ Grades 9-10 Tier 3 students are defined as:
 Grade 9 FSA scale score range: 274-289
 Grade 10 FSA scale score range: 276-293