

Colorado READ Act

Key Messages



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Use these key messages when talking to parents about the importance of reading by the end of third grade, and communicate accurate and consistent information about the READ Act.

- **Elemental building block.** Reading is an elemental building block to receive a quality education and every child should read at grade level by the end of third grade.
- **Prevention is key.** The Colorado READ Act is a legislative priority that focuses on early literacy development for all students, especially for students at risk for not reading at grade level by the end of third grade. Specific funding is allocated to help struggling students and can be used to pay for summer school; full-day kindergarten; targeted, scientifically-based or evidence-based literacy services; or tutoring.
- **Teacher knowledge and practice are critical.** Educators must have a deep understanding of the art and science of reading to ensure lifelong readers.
- **It takes a community.** It takes collaborative partnerships between schools, educators, communities, and families to improve literacy.