

CONSULTATION

EARLY LITERACY



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The Office of Literacy is primarily responsible for the implementation of state policy - the Colorado Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act. The READ Act offers K-3 technical assistance to any school or LEA in the state through professional development and consultation delivered by Regional Literacy Consultants.

The goals of this support include:

- Implementation of the Colorado READ Act
- Increase in teacher knowledge and practice in scientifically-based reading instruction (SBRi)
- Reduction of students at-risk for reading development
- Increase in students meeting grade level expectation for reading

This support is designed for any school or LEA with comprehensive K-3 literacy work as an identified need or priority focus area and that demonstrates readiness and willingness to rethink current strategies to improve achievement. Every school and LEA is eligible for technical assistance and professional development for K-3 from regionally based Literacy Specialists.

Potential professional development includes:

- **CDE READing Foundations Academy:** 7 classes (3 hours each) providing professional development in Fundamentals of Literacy Instruction for teachers and leaders.
- **CDE Language of Reading:** Flexible professional learning provided around the structures of language. This professional development is offered in three modes: basic, intermediate, and advanced. The learning is structured as a hybrid learning experience through both recorded webinars and a facilitator's guide to support face to face learning alongside teachers.

Who Can I Contact for More Information?

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