

Monroe County School District

Add-On Program for Reading Endorsement Frequently Asked Questions



- **1. How do I register for Reading Endorsement Courses?** MCSD Reading Competencies offered in Professional Growth are free to educators whose schools participate in the Monroe County School District's Comprehensive Research-based Reading Plan. Charter schools should select another provider.
 - <u>District Educators</u> Free MCSD Reading Endorsement Courses are offered through Professional Growth. Reading Competency courses may also be completed through NEFEC.org, Schultz Center or a FL college/university. Provide completions to the District PD Contact.
 - <u>Charter Educators</u> Reading Competency courses are to be completed through NEFEC.org, Schultz Center or a FL college/university. Provide completions to the District PD Contact.

2. Do I have to complete the Monroe Reading Endorsement Courses in order?

• Reading Competencies 1 and 2 may be taken in any order. Since the remaining competencies build on the other, Competencies 3-5 must be taken in order and ending with Comp 5. Reading Endorsement competency completions will be indicated in the educator's portfolio.

3. Can I register for more than one course at the same time?

• No. Educators may only register for one course at a time. The completed course must be reflected in the educator's portfolio before registering for a subsequent course. Competencies 1-4 must be verified by the School Literacy Coach prior to registration for Competency 5.

4. How do I add Reading Endorsement to my teaching certificate?

- By passing the Reading K-12 test at <u>www.fl.nesinc.com</u>, or
- With all five Reading Competencies indicated complete in the Professional Growth portfolio. Educators that already applied for Reading Endorsement and hold a current FL Statement of Eligibility would advise Jerian.Winn@KeysSchools.com when an FDOE email with the new certificate is received. Otherwise, please apply to add 1046/E Reading Endorsement to your FL certificate at www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification. Be sure to select "District Add Endorsement" and send your \$75 payment to Jerian. Winn@KeysSchools.com to process the addition.

5. Who should I contact if I have questions about Reading Endorsement?

• For more information pertaining to the MCSD Reading program, contact your School Literacy Coach, Jerian.Winn@KeysSchools.com or Sarah.Adams@KeysSchools.com

6. How do I know if I need FL certification in Reading?

- F.S. Statute 1011.62 states that beginning in the Summer 2020 and the 2020-2021 school year, for any K-12 educator (including ESE teachers) providing intensive **reading intervention to Tier 3 students** (includes third grade retained students) Reading Endorsement or Reading K-12 certification must be on their FL certificate and they must apply for 1046/E Reading Endorsement www.fldoe.org/edcert.
- Check with your Principal if unsure you will provide intensive reading intervention to Tier 3 students.

7. Beginning in 2020-2021, can teachers providing intensive reading interventions that are not certified or endorsed in reading be "out-of-field" while working toward earning the reading endorsement?

- Yes. In accordance with Rule 6A-1.0503, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Definition of Qualified Instructional Personnel, educators who are not certified or endorsed in reading may be considered out-of-field and must complete two courses of reading each school year to continue to provide intensive reading interventions while working toward obtaining reading certification or endorsement.
- Educators with a degree in education or who graduated from a Florida teaching program with a degree in **Exceptional Student Education**, **Elementary Education or Early Childhood** after 2006 may have completed some or all of the five reading endorsement courses.

8. Beginning in 2020-2021, how many Reading Endorsement Competencies (Courses) must an "out-of-field" teacher complete each year in order to continue to provide intensive reading interventions?

Educators that complete at least two of the five reading endorsement competencies per school year
may continue to provide intensive reading interventions. Rule 6A-1.0503, F.A.C., states that educators
out-of-field must earn six semester hours of college credit or the equivalent in-service credit (120
points) toward the appropriate certification within one school year from the date of initial
appointment to the Out of Field assignment and each school year thereafter until reading certified.

Note: On November 15, 2019, under Board Rule 6A-4.0292 — Specialization Requirements for the Reading Endorsement: Educators who receive a passing score on the Reading K-12 Subject Area Exam may be awarded Reading Endorsement with no further coursework required.