

Partnership for Reading Success – Massachusetts (PRISM)

PRISM I Grant Overview



What is PRISM I?


The Partnership for Reading Success – Massachusetts (PRISM) I grant is part of Literacy Launch, a five-year early literacy initiative. The PRISM I grant will provide funding, support, and resources for schools serving students in grades PreK-3 to improve their early literacy programs to increase the number of students reading at or above grade level by grade 3.

What Will Schools Get Funding For?

- Professional development to support the **implementation** of core curriculum
- Professional development on evidence-based, **culturally and linguistically sustaining early literacy practices**
- Creating **partnerships** with community based preschool providers to align evidence-based early curriculum, instruction, and assessment across the community
- Purchasing early literacy screening assessments
- **Coaching and support** from a PRISM Leadership Coach to meet local needs and goals
- Stipends and/or substitutes so educators can participate in professional learning opportunities
- Funding to cover staffing costs for roles like literacy coach or reading specialist, depending on LEA need

Who is Eligible?

Public school districts and charter schools currently using high quality instructional materials in ELA/Literacy in grades K-3 are eligible to apply to PRISM I. Districts and charters with only one school serving grades PreK-3 must apply as a consortium with other eligible LEAs so that each application includes at least three schools.



Applications are due by
5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 1
on GEM\$, DESE's Grants
Management System

Pending funding, PRISM I is a five-
year grant program and will run
from approximately
December 2024 – June 2029

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