

# Partnership for Reading Success – Massachusetts (PRISM)

## Is PRISM III Right for You?



The Partnership for Reading Success – Massachusetts (PRISM) III grant is designed to support literacy achievement for students in **grades 4–12**. The grant provides funding and guidance to districts, collaboratives, charter schools, to evaluate, select, purchase, launch, and implement high-quality instructional materials (HQIM) for ELA/literacy in **grades 4–12**, so that students experience relevant, real-world literacy learning aligned with high expectations.

### When deciding whether to apply to PRISM III, consider:

Has my district, charter, or collaborative completed a comprehensive evaluation and selection for ELA/Literacy HQIM for the grade bands I plan to apply for, **and** are we prepared to purchase materials this summer to implement in SY25-26?

**Yes**

You are ready to apply for PRISM III Track 1.

**No**

Continue reading to explore additional PRISM III tracks to find the best fit for your needs.

Is my district, collaborative, or charter ready to engage in a comprehensive evaluation and selection process for ELA/Literacy HQIM within the 4-12 grade band, **and** are we prepared to evaluate, select and purchase curricular materials in SY25-26 to implement in SY26-27?

**Yes**

You are ready to apply for PRISM III Track 2.

**No**

Continue reading to explore additional PRISM III tracks to find the best fit for your needs.



Do my schools already have HQIM for ELA/Literacy within the grade band I am applying for and have interest in implementation support?

**Yes**

You are ready to apply for PRISM III Track 3.

**No**

No matching track was found. If you need further assistance, please reach out for support.

Pending appropriation and the meeting of federal grant requirements, awarded grantees who meet the federal eligibility requirement for CLSD funding may be eligible for target continuation grant(s) in Fiscal Year 2026, Fiscal year 2027, and Fiscal Year 2028.

*To determine your eligibility, answer the following question:*

Does at least one school in my district, charter, or collaborative, within the grade band I am applying for, have at least 50% identified low-income students (40% for high schools)?

**Yes**

You may be eligible for targeted PRISM III continuation grants in future years.

**No**

You are likely not eligible for targeted PRISM III continuation grants. You may **ONLY** apply for Track 1 to purchase materials and receive PD from July 1, 2025 to August 31, 2025.

## Assessing Your Readiness

1. My district, charter, or collaborative has already invested time and resources toward evidence-based, culturally and linguistically sustaining, and inclusive literacy practices.
2. We have support from the broader community on evidence-based literacy and has the capacity to support this initiative.
3. We are committed to addressing literacy achievement disparities.

Applications are due by  
**5:00 pm on Wednesday, May 21**  
on GEM\$, DESE's Grants  
Management System

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