

Partnership for Reading Success – Massachusetts (PRISM)

PRISM III Grant Overview



What is PRISM III?

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.

What Will Schools Get Funding For?

As outlined in the [RFP](#), PRISM III will offer three tracks (refer to the [RFP](#) and "Is PRISM Right for You" one-pager for details about tracks). With expert guidance from a DESE-approved PRISM Curriculum & Instruction Coach, participating schools will receive tailored support, including:

- HQIM evaluation, selection, purchase and implementation guidance
- Funds for purchase of HQIM materials
- Curriculum-embedded high-quality professional learning
- Stipends and/or substitutes so educators can participate in professional learning opportunities

Who is Eligible?

Public school districts, collaboratives, and charter schools are eligible to apply to year 1 [July 1, 2025– August 31, 2025. Pending appropriation and the meeting of 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 be eligible for targeted continuation, at least one school in your district, charter, or collaborative must have at least 50% identified low-income students (40% for high schools). If at least one school does not have at least 50% identified low-income students (40% for high schools), then you are only eligible to apply for Track 1 Year 1 [July 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025].

Consortia of district, charters, or collaboratives may apply; if applying as a consortium, one district, charter, or collaborative should apply on GEM\$ as the fiscal agent and name the other participating districts, charters, or collaboratives in the application.

- Applicants can apply to focus on any grade band within the 4-12 range. Applicants selecting to focus on all grades with 4-12 must demonstrate capacity to support this initiative at such a large scale.
- All schools serving the identified grade band must participate in the PRISM III program if awarded this grant, up to a cap of 15 participating schools per applicant. For applicants with more than 15 schools serving grades 4-12, the district will select up to 15 schools to participate.

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

Pending funding, eligibility, and
successful continuation, PRISM
III is a 3-year grant program and
will run from approximately
July 2025 – September 2028

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