



Indiana Department of Education

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To: Indiana School Superintendents and Principals

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Subject: 2025 Summer School Reading Support

Beginning in summer 2025, [Senate Enrolled Act \(SEA\) 1 \(2024\)](#) requires schools to offer summer school for students in grade two who score “At Risk” and students in grade three who score “Did Not Pass” on the statewide [IREAD assessment](#). Previous guidance on this requirement can be found [here](#). This legislation requires the summer school course to:

- (1) be taught by a teacher, instructor, or tutor who is trained in science of reading as determined by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE). To clarify this for schools, the instructor must have completed at least 25 hours from the [Early Literacy Endorsement Verified Professional Development Programs](#) and be working toward earning the Early Literacy Endorsement if required for their license renewal after June 30, 2027; and
- (2) use curriculum or intervention materials aligned with science of reading. Schools that choose to use curriculum that is not listed on the [advisory list](#) are responsible for conducting a review to ensure compliance with [Indiana Code \(IC\) 20-31-3-2\(b\)](#). The K-5 [core](#) and [supplemental](#) rubrics may be referenced when evaluating reading materials for local use.

[SEA 1 \(2024\)](#) also prioritizes existing summer school funding to support students in greatest need, ensuring that they receive reading assistance regardless of school size or location. Students who do not attend or attend less than 90% of the summer reading program must participate in an individual reading plan the following school year if they do not pass IREAD during the summer retest.

Contact IDOE’s [Literacy Center](#) for K-5 curricular materials or science of reading support, [Office of Student Assessment](#) for assessment support, or [Office of School Finance](#) for summer school program support.