



# SDMC Reading Endorsement and Literacy Micro-Credential Information

All teachers providing tier 3 interventions **must have** a literacy micro-credential or be endorsed or certified in reading. All teachers teaching at 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Summer Reading Camps **must have** the reading endorsement or reading certification.

- For Certification specific questions contact the Certification Department by sending an email to [certification@manateeschools.net](mailto:certification@manateeschools.net) .
- For reading endorsement pathway questions, please contact the Professional Learning department by calling (941) 751-6550 ext. 43218 or send an email to [profdrv@manateeschools.net](mailto:profdrv@manateeschools.net) .
- For a comprehensive overview of the reading requirement information, please visit our website.

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# Reading Endorsement Requirement Information for Teachers

## Who

- Teachers who teach summer reading camps for third grade students scoring Level 1 on state standardized assessment of ELA ([s. 1008.25](#), F.S.)
- Teachers instructing retained third grade students ([s. 1008.25](#), F.S.)
- Teachers providing Tier 3 reading intervention must possess a literacy micro-credential or be endorsed or certified in reading ([Rule 6A-6.053](#), F.A.C.)
- Literacy coaches must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and be endorsed, or K-12 certified in the area of reading ([Rule 6A-6.053](#), F.A.C.)
- School district personnel and instructional personnel who supervise teacher candidates during internship in grades K-3 or who are enrolled in a teacher preparation program for certification in these coverage areas ([s. 1012.585\(3\)\(f\)](#), F.S., [Rule 6A-4.0051](#), F.A.C.):

## College Coursework or Professional Learning

There are four pathways to get the reading endorsement:

- Fifteen (15) semester hours in reading coursework based upon scientifically based reading research with a focus on both the prevention and remediation of reading difficulties from an approved college or university program. [Rule 6A-4.292](#)
- Certification in reading from an accredited institution. [Rule 6A-4.292](#)
- Completion of an approved district add-on reading endorsement program.
- Completion of an approved certificate from a program offered by an internationally recognized organization known for establishing standards for evidence-based interventions for struggling readers. [Rule 6A-4.292](#)

# Statute and Rule Language

## [6A-6.053 K-12 Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan.](#)

Intensive reading interventions must be delivered by instructional personnel who are certified or endorsed in reading or who possess the elementary or secondary literacy micro-credential. For instructional personnel who possess the literacy micro-credential and provide intensive reading interventions, supervision must be provided by an individual certified or endorsed in reading.

## [1011.62\(9\) Florida Statute-](#)

Requires that beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, intensive reading interventions must be delivered by a teacher who is certified or endorsed in reading. Thus, only the teacher who is delivering the intensive reading interventions will need to be certified or endorsed in reading.

- requires the Florida Department of Education (DOE), as part of its review of certain certification and endorsement requirements, to consider awarding a reading endorsement to teachers who are certified by an internationally recognized reading intervention organization or who completed a program accredited by the organization; and
- requires school districts to provide teachers access to training for a reading endorsement consistent with the DOE's review of endorsement requirements.

## [1008.25\(8\) Florida Statute-](#)

Requires that 3<sup>rd</sup> grade retained students must be provided evidence-based reading interventions grounded in the science of reading delivered by a teacher who is certified or endorsed in reading and is rated highly effective as determined by the teacher's performance evaluation under [s. 1012.34](#), F.S.

## Statute and Rule Language Links

[Rule 6A4.0292 Specialization for the Reading Endorsement](#)

[Rule 6A-4.0291 Specialization Requirements for Certification in Reading \(Grades K-12\)- Academic Class.](#)

[Rule 6A-4.0163, Florida Administrative Code Amendment](#)

[s. 1008.25, Instructing 3rd Grade Retained Students](#)

## Reading Endorsement Pathways

To determine needed coursework, see instructions on how to complete a [Transcript Review](#). All competency classes, regardless of provider, are 60 hours. Competencies 1 through 5 must be complete prior to applying to add the reading endorsement to your professional certificate.

If a registration link **does not** populate a course, it could be because the course is already in progress, or the registration date for the course has already passed.

Provider	Course Title	Course #	Features	Cost
School District of Manatee County	Competency 1 (60 hours)	MyPGS 14865	Time bound, district led learning opportunity, Face-to-Face sessions, instructor facilitated and support, the competencies are taken individually based on need.	Free
School District of Manatee County	Competency 2 (60 hours)	MyPGS 14866	Time bound, district led learning opportunity, Face-to-Face sessions, instructor facilitated and support, the competencies are taken individually based on need.	Free
School District of Manatee County	Competency 3 (60 hours)	MyPGS 14867	Time bound, district led learning opportunity, Face-to-Face sessions, instructor facilitated and support, the competencies are taken individually based on need.	Free
School District of Manatee County	Competency 4 (60 hours)	MyPGS 14868	Time bound, district led learning opportunity, Face-to-Face sessions, instructor facilitated and support, the competencies are taken individually based on need.	Free

School District of Manatee County	Competency 5 (60 hours)	MyPGS 14869	Time bound, district led learning opportunity, Face-to-Face sessions, instructor facilitated and support, the competencies are taken individually based on need.	Free
University of Florida Lastinger Center Literacy Matrix	Elementary Literacy Micro-Credential: Instructor facilitated course (60 hours)	MyPGS 14820	Time bound, Application required, Hybrid model of online modules and face-to-face sessions, Study Guides are integrated with coursework, the competencies are taken individually based on need.	Free
University of Florida Lastinger Center Literacy Matrix	Secondary Literacy Micro-Credential: Instructor facilitated course (60 hours)	MyPGS 14824	Time bound, Application required, Hybrid model of online modules and face-to-face sessions, Study Guides are integrated with coursework, the competencies are taken individually based on need.	Free
University of Florida Lastinger Center Literacy Matrix	Competency 2: Application of Evidence-Based Instructional Practices, Instructor facilitated course (60 hours)	MyPGS 14816	Time bound, Application required, Hybrid model of online modules and face-to-face sessions, Study Guides are integrated with coursework, the competencies are taken individually based on need.	Free
University of Florida Lastinger Center Literacy Matrix	Competency 3: Foundations and Application of Assessment (60 hours)	MyPGS 14817	Time bound, Application required, Hybrid model of online modules and face-to-face sessions, Study Guides are integrated with coursework, the competencies are taken individually based on need.	Free

University of Florida Lastinger Center Literacy Matrix	Competency 4: Foundations and Application of Differentiated Instruction (60 hours)	MyPGS 14818	Time bound, Application required, Hybrid model of online modules and face-to-face sessions, Study Guides are integrated with coursework, the competencies are taken individually based on need.	Free
University of Florida Lastinger Center Literacy Matrix	Competency 5: Demonstration of Accomplishment (60 hours)	MyPGS 14819	Time bound, Application required, Hybrid model of online modules and face-to-face sessions, Study Guides are integrated with coursework, the competencies are taken individually based on need.	Free
FDLRS, BEESS Portal	Competency 4: Differentiating Reading Instruction for Students: Making it Explicit (60 hours)	<a href="#">BEESS Portal Reading</a>	Instructor led, Advance Registration required, Face to Face Sessions	Free

## Literacy Micro-Credential Information

Created in partnership with the Florida Department of Education and the Division of Early Learning, the UF Lastinger Center for Learning's Flamingo Literacy Micro-Credentials are available at no cost to Florida instructional personnel to create accessible and on-demand reading professional development. Teachers providing Tier 3 reading intervention must possess a literacy micro-credential or be endorsed or certified in reading ([Rule 6A-6.053](#), F.A.C.).

Upon successful completion of a Literacy Micro-Credential, participants could be eligible for a stipend. \$2,000 completion stipend for \*eligible early childcare personnel and early learning instructional staff; OR \$1,000 completion stipend for eligible K-12 instructional personnel. **To be eligible for the stipend, you must complete the micro-credential by June 16, 2024.**

The Flamingo Literacy Micro-Credentials are a hybrid model of online modules, instructor-supported online courses, and job-embedded practicum. To enroll in a Literacy Micro-Credentials, please register online through [the UF Lastinger Center for Learning](#).

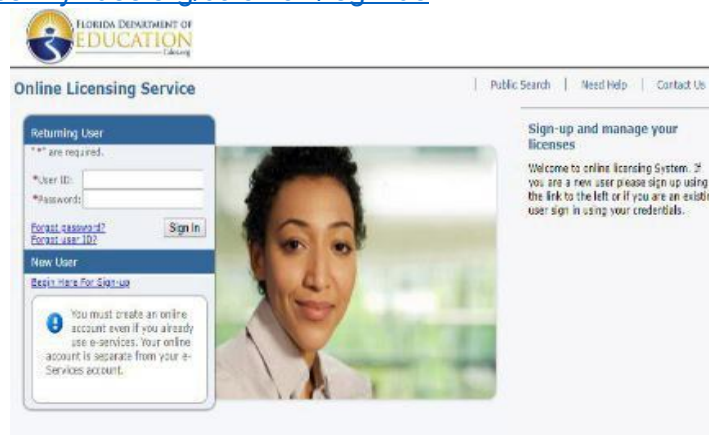
Title	Description	Course #
<b>Emergent</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birth through PreK instructional personnel</li> <li>• (public or private)</li> <li>• Builds emergent literacy knowledge and skills with high-quality content.</li> <li>• Supports language and literacy requirements for the CDA professional portfolio.</li> <li>• The Emergent Literacy Micro-Credential can be completed in 15 weeks.</li> </ul>	MyPGS 14885
<b>Elementary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PreK (public or private) and kindergarten through fifth grade (public schools, including charters) instructional personnel.</li> <li>• Allows instructional personnel to teach intensive reading intervention*</li> <li>• Satisfies Competency 1 of the Reading Endorsement</li> <li>• Satisfies the 40-hour reading requirement for renewal.</li> <li>• The Elementary Literacy Micro-Credential can be completed in 10 weeks.</li> </ul>	MyPGS 14820
<b>Secondary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sixth- through twelfth-grade instructional personnel</li> <li>• Allows instructional personnel to teach intensive reading intervention.</li> <li>• Satisfies Competency 1 of the Reading Endorsement</li> <li>• Satisfies the 40-hour reading requirement for renewal.</li> <li>• The Secondary Literacy Micro-Credential can be completed in 10 weeks.</li> </ul>	MyPGS 14824

# Transcript Review

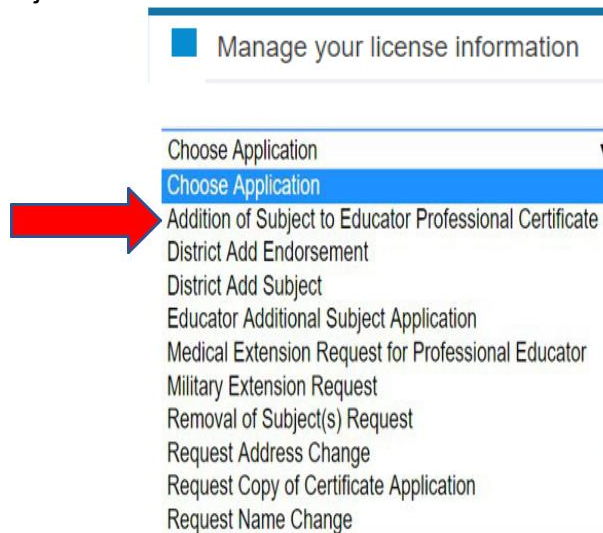
SDMC Certification Office **DOES NOT** review transcripts for the Reading Endorsement, the Florida Department of Education does. Teachers need to apply online at <https://flcertify.fldoe.org/datamart/login.do>, [submit](#) the Addition of Subject to Educator Professional Certificate and pay the \$75.00 fee. DOE will then review their transcript for Reading.

## FLDOE Online Application Directions

1. Log onto <https://flcertify.fldoe.org/datamart/login.do>



2. Quick Start Menu Section called: Manage your License Information
3. Select: Addition of Subject to Educator Professional Certificate





4. Fill in the rest of the questions specifically to you and your license.
5. Affiliate yourself with Manatee County Public Schools. SDMC cannot see our application if you do not affiliate. If you do not see a location to affiliate, it means you are already affiliated with a school district. You can skip this step.
6. Please pay the fee online (\$75.00).

### Official Statement of Status of Eligibility Notes:

- The approximate wait time to receive your FL DOE Official Statement of Status of Eligibility is 4-6 weeks. This statement will give you what specific credits are needed for your current license to receiving your Reading Endorsement.
- After you receive your statement of eligibility (SOE) and need any help to decipher which competencies you need, please email your statement to the Professional Learning department at [profdvt@manateeschools.net](mailto:profdvt@manateeschools.net)
- You may start your competency courses prior to your statement, but you may not know exactly which competency you are required to take. Your specific license and courses will determine which competencies you will need for your endorsement.

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the difference between Reading Endorsement and Reading Certification?  
An endorsement is a “rider” on top of a valid Florida teaching certificate with another subject coverage and denotes an expertise in an instructional level or methodology. An endorsement cannot stand alone on a certificate. Certification stands on its own. The criteria for both are determined by the state of Florida. The Reading Endorsement does not require a Subject Area Exam, whereas Reading Certification does.
2. Does a teacher with a master’s degree in Reading need to earn the Reading Endorsement?  
No, a teacher does not need both. A teacher either needs to be reading endorsed or reading certified. A master’s degree in reading meets all the state’s requirements to teach reading. To be compliant with state mandates, Reading Endorsement or Reading Certification must be added to the teacher’s Florida teaching certificate.
3. Where do I start with my Reading Endorsement questions and courses?  
Read the Reading Endorsement Information (this document) first. To determine if any of your college/university courses will count towards your endorsement, you can apply to the Florida Department of Education to receive an Official Statement of Status of Eligibility. To apply, an application fee of \$75.00 is required.
4. Do I have to take the Reading Endorsement Competencies Course(s) to receive my Reading Endorsement?  
To be Reading Endorsed you must complete the necessary competencies applicable to your license OR you have the option to take the Reading Certification Exam.
5. Does every teacher (math, social studies, P.E., music, etc.) of a retained third grade student need to be certified or endorsed in reading?  
No. Section 1011.62(9), F.S., requires that, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, intensive reading interventions must be delivered by a teacher who is certified or endorsed in reading. Thus, only the teacher who is delivering the intensive reading interventions will need to be certified or endorsed in reading.
6. Whom do I ask if I have specific questions regarding certification, competency pathways, or determining whether coursework completed in college will be sufficient?  
For certification related questions email [certification@manateeschools.net](mailto:certification@manateeschools.net). For Reading endorsement competency pathway questions email the Professional Learning department at [profdvvt@manateeschools.net](mailto:profdvvt@manateeschools.net).

7. May teachers who are not certified or endorsed in reading provide the intensive reading interventions and be considered “out-of-field” while working toward earning the reading endorsement?

Teachers who provide Tier 3 Interventions in Reading may not be out of field and must be reading endorsed. [Florida Statute 1011.62\(9\) \(c\)7.\(d\)1.](#)

8. May paraprofessionals, long-term substitutes, or volunteers provide the required intensive reading interventions?

[Florida Statute 1011.62\(9\) \(c\)7.\(d\)1.](#) states the intensive reading interventions are to be delivered by a teacher who is certified or endorsed in reading.