



# Reading Endorsement Requirement Explanation

## Rule Language

### **6A-6.053 K-12 Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan.**

(1)(c) All intensive reading interventions must be delivered by a teacher who is certified or endorsed in reading;

(5) Charter schools. Charter schools must utilize their proportionate share of the research-based reading allocation in accordance with Sections 1002.33(7)(a)2.a., and 1008.25(3)(a), F.S. All intensive reading interventions specified by the charter must be delivered by a teacher who is certified or endorsed in reading.

## Requirement

Teachers who provide Tier 3 Interventions in Reading may be out of field until December 31, 2020. Starting January 1, 2021, all teachers providing tier 3 interventions **must have** the reading endorsement or certification.

Starting in 2021, teachers at Summer Reading Camps **must have** the reading endorsement or certification.

## Emergency Order Language

### **DOE ORDER NO. 2020-EO-02**

Sections 1008.25(7)(b)3., 1011.62(9)(c)S., and 101 I. 62(9)(d)1., F.S., and Rule 6A-6.6053(9)(c)S., F.A.C., are suspended to allow teachers who are not certified or endorsed in reading to provide intensive reading interventions out- of-field until December 31, 2020.

*NEW as of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

### **DOE ORDER NO. 2020-EO-07**

Sections 1008.25(7)(b)3., 1011.62(9)(c)S., and 101 I. 62(9)(d)1., F.S., and Rule 6A-6.6053(9)(c)S., F.A.C., are suspended to allow teachers who are not fully certified or endorsed in reading to provide intensive reading interventions out of field until **June 30, 2021**.

## Pathways

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.
- 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. At this point only one program has been approved, but we anticipate more in the near future.
- A passing score on the Reading Certification Exam
  - The application for the exam must have been filed by December 22, 2019 to add Reading Endorsement under the new rule. The exam must be no older than ten (10) years from the application date. The exam is not valid if used for issuance of an expired Professional Certificate.