



## School System Literacy Roadmap

### LOUISIANA'S LITERACY PILLARS



**LITERACY  
GOALS**



**EXPLICIT LITERACY  
INTERVENTIONS &  
EXTENSIONS**



**ONGOING  
PROFESSIONAL  
GROWTH**



**FAMILIES**

A foundation of **EQUITY** across all literacy practices ensures opportunities and access for every learner every day.

The road to improving literacy outcomes for students and teachers includes:

- setting and progress monitoring literacy goals at the system, school, and classroom levels
- implementing strategic, explicit instructional practices partnered with intervention and extension activities to address all learners
- providing and participating in ongoing professional growth opportunities
- engaging families around their child's literacy development at all ages and stages.
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This guide breaks down monthly tasks and considerations, based on the [four pillars](#) of the Department's Literacy Division, for school systems and schools to assist in planning and implementing successful literacy programs and practices.



Month	Literacy Goals	Explicit Instruction with Interventions and Extensions	Ongoing Professional Growth	Family Literacy Engagement
<p><b>Summer</b></p>	<p>Hold School System Literacy Team meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Build out/make adjustments to your <a href="#">Local Literacy Plan</a> based on updated data.</li> </ul> <p>Ensure collaboration between all early childhood and kindergarten programs to review pertinent data based on <a href="#">developmental screening</a> and developmental monitoring.</p> <p>Establish school-level literacy teams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Principal and/or Assistant Principal</li> <li>● Literacy Coaches</li> <li>● K-2 Content Leader</li> <li>● Grade Level Representatives</li> <li>● Representatives for Special Education, English Language Learners, other possible members:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Guidance Counselor, Psychologist, Librarian</li> <li>● Parent</li> <li>● Student</li> <li>● Community members</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Host <a href="#">Summer Learning Program</a> and plan for tutoring opportunities.</p> <p>Make a plan for how schools will administer the literacy screener and diagnostics in order to get the most valid results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What training is needed?</li> <li>● Who will administer the screening instruments?</li> <li>● How will the data be used to inform decisions around intervention and extension needs?</li> </ul> <p>Share <a href="#">Literacy Classroom Practices</a> and <a href="#">Sound Wall</a> instructions with teachers in preparation for implementation in the upcoming school year.</p> <p>Review resources and tools available in the <a href="#">Literacy Library</a> to determine what might be useful for implementation and support.</p>	<p>Attend Teacher Leader Summit.</p> <p>Create/Adjust an ongoing professional development calendar (teachers, leaders). Resources are available in the <a href="#">Literacy Library</a>.</p> <p>Train leaders to train teachers on <a href="#">Effective Literacy Implementation for Teachers</a>.</p> <p>Train School Leadership Teams on implementing effective K-2 literacy teacher collaboration.</p> <p>Meet with literacy coaches, instructional coaches, mentors, etc. to develop a plan to model, practice, and provide feedback on effective literacy practices and instruction.</p>	<p><a href="#">Evaluate</a> past impact of literacy-focused family engagement opportunities and plan for improvement for the upcoming year.</p> <p>Develop <a href="#">partnerships with community organizations</a> to promote reading.</p> <p>Include <a href="#">plans for family literacy engagement</a> in the <a href="#">local literacy plan</a>.</p> <p>Plan for family literacy monthly activities and add to your local literacy plan.</p> <p>Provide professional learning experiences for families that include things such as practical guidance to encourage regular reading in the home.</p>





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<b>August</b>	<p>Administer literacy screener.</p> <p>Hold School System Literacy Team meeting.</p> <p>Communicate Local Literacy/School <a href="#">Literacy Plans</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Faculty and Staff - Staff development days</li> <li>● Families - Open House</li> <li>● Literacy campaign/social media post</li> </ul>	<p>Set well-defined and measurable goals for curriculum implementation (including timelines and strategies for monitoring the implementation and ensuring continuous improvement and evaluation).</p> <p>Use data and flexible scheduling to create <a href="#">targeted intervention and extension</a> groups.</p> <p>Establish well-organized classrooms that exhibit clear routines and access to high-quality literacy materials that support <a href="#">diverse learning</a> activities.</p> <p>Provide feedback and support for effective curriculum planning and implementation.</p> <p>Share literacy resources from <a href="#">Literacy Library</a> with teachers, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Content Literacy Documents</li> <li>● <a href="#">LIFT</a> Resources</li> <li>● FIRE lessons for grades 3-5</li> </ul>	<p>Train teachers on Literacy Implementation Pillars and Literacy Instructional Practices.</p> <p>Access webinars and session recordings in the <a href="#">Literacy Library</a> in back-to-school professional development meetings and teacher collaboration times.</p>	<p><a href="#">Develop a plan</a> to disseminate information to families including opportunities for them to be involved in promoting their child’s language and literacy development.</p> <p>Make a plan to share the Resources for Families activities in the <a href="#">Literacy Library</a>.</p>



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<b>September</b>	Develop <a href="#">Teacher Student Learning Targets</a> .  Hold School System Literacy Team meeting.	Analyze beginning of the year literacy screener and diagnostic data at the <a href="#">district</a> , <a href="#">school</a> , and <a href="#">teacher</a> level.  Conduct additional screeners for students at risk for dyslexia as needed.  Plan for how you will use progress monitoring data to adjust intervention and extension groups.	Support schools in providing teachers with information on <a href="#">evidence-based literacy strategies</a> and where they exist in their curriculum.	Highlight Literacy Focus of the Month - <a href="#">Hispanic Heritage Month</a>  Inform families in their native language of student proficiency level in literacy development, including a <a href="#">plan</a> to address any deficiencies.
<b>October</b>	Hold School System Literacy Team meeting.	Use progress monitoring data to adjust intervention and extension groups.  Provide ongoing opportunities for data-driven planning and professional collaboration with faculty and staff providing interventions.	Continue providing coaching support and feedback to teachers based on observations.  Resources in the Louisiana <a href="#">Literacy Library</a> are available to support professional learning.	Highlight Literacy Focus of the Month - <a href="#">Learning Disabilities and Dyslexia Awareness Month</a>  Share <a href="#">Grab and Go</a> Activities with families to support at home learning.
<b>November</b>	Hold School System Literacy Team meeting	Use progress monitoring data to adjust intervention and extension groups.	Continue providing coaching support and feedback to teachers based on observations.	Highlight Literacy Focus of the Month <a href="#">American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Heritage Month</a>





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<b>December</b>	<p>Administer mid-year literacy screening measures and literacy interim assessments.</p> <p>Progress monitor Teacher Student Learning Targets.</p> <p>Hold School System Literacy Team meeting.</p>	<p>Administer mid-year literacy screener and interim assessments.</p> <p>Gather feedback on materials and professional learning to inform plans for next summer and school year.</p>	<p>Continue providing coaching support and feedback to teachers based on observations.</p>	<p><a href="#">Evaluate</a> the impact of your current literacy-focused family engagement opportunities and plan.</p> <p>Highlight Literacy Focus of the Month -Holiday, Traditions and Customs</p>
<b>January</b>	<p>Hold School System Literacy Team meeting.</p> <p>Based on mid-year screening data, assess progress towards initial literacy goals.</p> <p>Communicate to families the progress students are making toward their <a href="#">individual literacy goals</a>.</p>	<p>Analyze mid-year literacy screener and diagnostic data at the <a href="#">district, school,</a> and <a href="#">teacher</a> level.</p> <p>Support schools in creating and making adjustments to intervention and extension groups.</p> <p>Begin plans for high quality curriculum and materials needed to align to school system budget process for next school year.</p>	<p>Based on mid-year screening data and classroom observation, make adjustments to your professional learning calendars.</p>	<p>Highlight Literacy Focus of the Month - National Creativity Month - Celebrate the creativity of your students.</p> <p>Revisit and continue to develop <a href="#">partnerships with community organizations</a> to promote reading.</p>



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<b>February</b>	Hold School System Literacy Team meeting.	Use progress monitoring data to adjust intervention and extension groups.	Continue providing coaching support and feedback to teachers based on observations.  Monitor progress of <a href="#">Literacy Foundations training</a> for all K-3 teachers and leaders	Highlight Literacy Focus of the Month - <a href="#">Black History Month</a>
<b>March</b>	Hold School System Literacy Team meeting	Use progress monitoring data to adjust intervention and extension groups.  Begin planning for summer opportunities for students to accelerate literacy development.	Continue providing coaching support and feedback to teachers based on observations.	Highlight Literacy Focus of the Month - <a href="#">NEA's Read Across America</a>





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<p><b>April</b></p>	<p>Hold School System Literacy Team meeting.</p>	<p>Finalize budgeting and material plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Purchase high-quality curriculum materials.</li> <li>● Plan for assessing and building classroom libraries to include rich, engaging texts, as well as ensuring access to culturally-responsive texts.</li> <li>● Increase availability and use of a rich variety of objects and materials (e.g. books, literacy materials and props, technology, manipulatives, etc.) in classrooms.</li> </ul> <p>Implement 2022-2023 <a href="#">Staffing and Scheduling Guidance</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide school leaders with professional learning and resources to build master schedules to include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Weekly common planning</li> <li>○ Literacy block with embedded intervention/ small group time</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Finalize plans for <a href="#">Summer Learning Program</a></li> </ul>	<p>Review options for professional development on specific high-quality curriculum through the <a href="#">PD Vendor Course Catalog</a> and <a href="#">Supporting Early Literacy and Learning Guide</a>.</p> <p>Create a summer professional development schedule including opportunities for leaders and <a href="#">teachers</a>.</p>	<p>Highlight Literacy Focus of the Month - <a href="#">National Poetry Month</a>, <a href="#">Drop Everything and Read Day (April 12)</a>, <a href="#">El día de los niños/El día de los libros (April 30)</a></p>



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<p><b>May</b></p>	<p>Hold School System Literacy Team meeting.</p> <p>Review early literacy screener end-of-year data to set goals for next year.</p>	<p>Analyze end-year literacy screener and diagnostic data at the <a href="#">district</a>, <a href="#">school</a>, and <a href="#">teacher</a> level.</p> <p>Use data from monitoring of curriculum implementation to determine if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● additional professional development/support is needed</li> <li>● more resources are required</li> <li>● whether there are unforeseen barriers to implementation; if so, then develop plans for their provision.</li> </ul> <p>Provide feedback on school master schedules and support leaders in need of assistance.</p>	<p>Train school leaders in <a href="#">Effective Literacy Implementation for Leaders</a>.</p> <p>Attend Teacher Leader Summit literacy sessions.</p> <p>Publish summer professional development schedule based on end of year literacy data.</p> <p>Identify <a href="#">K-2 Literacy Content Leader</a> vendor and participants (1 required for each CIR school).</p> <p>Report number of K-3 teachers and leaders who have completed ACT 108 Literacy Foundations training.</p> <p>Determine placement and training needs of literacy coaches for next year and consult the <a href="#">Literacy Specialist Support Providers List</a> if extra support is needed.</p>	<p>Highlight Literacy Focus of the Month - <a href="#">Asian Pacific American Heritage</a></p> <p>Connect with local libraries to gather summer reading program information/calendar to disseminate to students.</p>

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