

Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy (SRCL) Program Subgrant Application Guidance

Application Purpose

At the root of *Louisiana Believes* is the belief that an effective teacher is the most critical component of academic success and that teachers are most effective when they have access to a **high-quality, Standards-based curriculum, ongoing professional development** to use that curriculum effectively and **data from a focused set of Standards-aligned assessments** that measure how well students are meeting the outcomes of the high-quality curriculum.



Louisiana’s SRCL project aligns with the state’s greater picture of educational reform by addressing three core components: Standards and Curriculum, Professional Development, and Assessment.

Driving Excellence in K-2 Classrooms

[Research](#) shows the years before third grade are vital for later school success, and the key skills students develop one year must be built upon and reinforced the next. Louisiana believes that all young children should be ready to master skills and content knowledge aligned to rigorous standards in order to be academically successful in third grade and beyond. Given this importance, **the Department will provide SRCL subgrants** to support implementation of high-quality curriculum, assessments, and professional development up through Grade 5, **with highest priority focused on Kindergarten-Grade 2** improvement and piloting a set of [tools](#) that support best practices that will inform future policy for these critical years.

Eligible Applicants

School systems on behalf of schools with the greatest populations of disadvantaged children (high poverty, English Learners, and special education).

Award Information

The State will award subgrants to serve the following age bands:

- **Birth to 5-years-old.** The state anticipates awarding **40 subgrants** up to **\$87,875.00 each**.
- **Kindergarten-Grade 2.** The state anticipates awarding **40 subgrants** up to **\$140,600 each, depending on the number of tools piloted in classrooms**. Subgrantees will be expected to dedicate approximately 20 percent of the funds for pilot services.
- **Grades 3-5.** The state anticipates awarding **40 subgrants** up to **\$105,450.00 each**.

Applicant Guide

School systems may apply for **one subgrant** in each of the age or grade spans – Birth to Age 5, Kindergarten-Grade 2, and Grades 3-5 – for up to ten schools serving the greatest percent of disadvantaged youth. For more information, see [FAQs](#).

Application Timeline

Activity	Date
Application release	June 26

Technical assistance webinar for school systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go to https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/academiccontent and enter the meeting room as a guest and provide your name; or dial 1-855-240-2575 and enter participant PIN # 89147656. 	June 27, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Technical assistance office hours for school systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (712) 451-0695, Participant Code: 568324# 	July 2, 10:00-11:00 am July 10, 9:00-10:00 am
Application due	July 23
Applicants notified	On or around Aug 10
BESE approval of allocations	August 15
Funds available	October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019

Application Criteria and Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria. Funds will awarded to the highest ranked applications. All applicants must complete components A, B, and C in the application. Kindergarten-Grade 2 applicants must also complete the Pilot Tools component in the application.

Component	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Pilot Tools (Kindergarten – Grade 2 only)	N/A	
A. Project Schools/Sites	25	
B. Project Design	50	
C. Project Budget	25	
Total	100	

Complete the application [here](#).

Applications must be submitted no later than **Monday, July 23 at 4:00 pm** via email to jill.slack@la.gov.

Applications should be saved as a single PDF document with the file name: School System Name: SRCL Grant (*for example, Apple School System: SRCL Grant.pdf*). **If submitting an application for multiple age bands** -- for example, Kindergarten-Grade 2 and Grades 3-5 -- **submit as ONE PDF file**. The first page should include the Application Cover Page with contact information and signed assurances.

Direct questions to jill.slack@la.gov.

Webinar [deck](#)

Recorded webinar: <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/pbl9k1nub4b0/>