

The 2022-2023 Year in Review

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Legislative Session Results

Fast Paced Positive Outcomes



Not So Great Outcomes



→ Changes Coming to Academics

- New Course Requirements, Graduation Requirements
 - Students who begin **Grade 9 in 2024-2025** and beyond must successfully complete a course for credit in:
 - **Personal Finance in grade 10, 11, or 12**
 - **Government & Citizenship in grade 11 or 12**
- By 2026-2027 school year, high schools must offer Ethnic Studies course, by 2027-2028 Ethnic Studies instruction to elementary and middle school students



→ Changes Coming to Academics Cont...

- By 2026-2027 social studies curriculum must include education on the Holocaust and genocide, delete Civics Test
- Science Standards must include earth & space science, life science, and the physical sciences
 - Three science credits
 - 1 for all earth, space science standards, 1 for all life science standards, 1 for all chemistry or physics standards

→ Changes Coming to Academics Cont...

- High school math standards must include
 - Algebra II, Integrated math III or an equivalent
 - Grade 8 standards-Include completion of algebra
- Requires adoption of arts standards and adds media arts
- 11th & 12th graders can earn up to two elective credits for working in an assisted-living facility, services and supports provider, hospital/clinic or childcare center
- Computer Science working group created

→ Changes Coming to Literacy Efforts/

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MDE Requirements

- Partner with CAREI, July 1, 2023-August 30, 2025, support district efforts, provide training
- Recommend multiple screeners by July 1, 2023, measure both reading proficiency and dyslexia

District Requirements

- **GOAL:** All students read at or above grade level
- **In 2023-2024 administer approved screener K-3, first and last six weeks of school**
- Parent opt-out screeners

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MDE Requirements

- By August 15, 2023, identify at least three PD programs-five pillars focus
- Employ a literacy specialist to provide support to school districts
- Identify evidence-based K-12 intervention material

District Requirements

- Beginning July 1, 2024, provide access to training for *all* Pre K, K 3, special education teachers, K-12 intervention teachers, curriculum directors, support staff providing reading instruction, employees who select literacy materials

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MDE Requirements

- By January 1, 2024 identify five literacy curricula & supporting materials that are evidence-based or focused on structured literacy
- Develop Literacy Plan template by March 1, 2024

District Requirements

- All other teachers and instructional staff must have completed training by July 1, 2027
- Beginning June 15, 2024 post and submit Literacy Plan to MDE-annually report screening results

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MDE Requirements

- Develop MTSS model plans
- By December 1, 2025 report to legislature summary of Literacy Plans
- Ensure PD and MTSS trainings are geographically equitable

District Requirements

- **By 2026-2027 school year, all districts must provide evidence-based reading instruction**
- MTSS encouraged, must use progress monitoring
- Encouraged to create Personalized Lng. Plans

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MDE Requirements

- The department & CAREI must provide “Reconsideration” procedures
- \$35 million-reimburse approved curriculum purchased July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2028

District Requirements

- By August 30, 2025 employ or contract with a literacy lead or a designated literacy specialist in process of beginning a literacy lead
- Use literacy incentive aid for implementation

→ Changes Coming to Teacher Licensure

- Strikes passing score requirement in reading, writing, mathematics to receive Tier 4 teaching license.
- Tier 3 & Tier 4 do not need passing exam score on general pedagogical knowledge and licensure-specific content if completed a board-approved teacher preparation program or a state approved teacher preparation program in another state and passed that state's exams
- Persons teaching world languages, culture, performing or visual arts exempt from bachelor's degree requirement for Tier 1 or 2



→ Teacher Licensure Cont...

- Heritage Language and Culture licensure pathway program established by PELSB
- Temporary carve out for Tier 2 teachers who would otherwise be ineligible to renew their license based on changes in these laws to renew their license for the 2023–2024, 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 school years only

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Thank you and have a

