



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: September 21, 2026

Agenda Section: Consent

Agenda Item Title: Texas Reading Academies

From: Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent

Additional Presenters if Applicable: Diana Palacios, Director of Teaching and Learning

Description: Under House Bill 3, all classroom teachers providing reading instruction in kindergarten through grade 3, as well as special education teachers, principals, assistant principals, literacy instructional coaches, and interventionists at campuses serving these grades, are required to attend Texas Reading Academies. The Texas Reading Academies are designed to build administrator and teacher expertise in delivering effective, systematic reading instruction for grades K–3.

Historical Data: South San Antonio ISD has been participating and completing Texas Reading Academies since 2021 to be in compliance with House Bill 3.

Recommendation: SSAISD administration strongly recommends that the Board of Managers approve the participation of Texas Reading Academies for teachers in grades K-3 who have not yet completed the coursework.

Purchasing Director and Approval Date:

Funding Budget Code and Amount: 199 E 13 6234 00 819 0 36 0 00, \$15,000.00

Goals:

Goal 1: SSAISD will engage all students with a high-quality, research-based curriculum to achieve academic growth and excellence.

Goal 2: SSAISD will recruit, retain, and develop a collaborative and highly effective staff.

Education Service Center, Region 20

1314 Hines Avenue
San Antonio, TX 78208



25-26 Texas Reading Academies Quote for South San Antonio ISD

Date

September 3, 2026

Services Performed By:

Education Service Center, Region 20
1314 Hines Avenue
San Antonio, TX 78208

Services Performed For:

South San Antonio ISD
5622 Ray Ellison Blvd.
San Antonio, TX 78242
POC: Diana Palacios



All K-3 teachers, including special education teachers, and administrators are required to complete the HB3 Reading Academies by 2023. This includes literacy specialist who see K-3 students in small groups and K-3 departmentalized teachers. While there are some formal processes pending, Authorized Providers and LEAs can proceed to exempt teachers who hold "all-level certification in art, health education, music, physical education, speech communication and theatre arts, or theatre" as described in 231.3(a).

Period of Performance

The Services shall commence on July 27, 2026, and shall continue through June 11, 2027.

Scope of Work

Education Service Center, Region 20 serving as a Texas Reading Academies Authorized Provider shall provide:



Comprehensive Facilitators that will offer in-person training with competency exercises and individual coaching and support.

Reading Academy Fees

This agreement is based upon the structure established by TEA.

Implementation Model	Number of Participants	Participant Rate	Total Cost
Comprehensive Model (BILIT)	3	\$3,000	\$9,000
Comprehensive Model (ELAR)	6	\$3,000	\$18,000
*Credit	4	\$3,000	-\$12,000
	5	\$15,000	
*Credit reflects course enrollment for 2025-2026 SY that was paid but not used.			

**** Please Note: This is an UPDATED quote and replaces the previous quote dated August 12, 2026. ****

Upon agreement of this quote, we ask that **South San Antonio ISD** generate a Purchase Order and email that to lisa.hawkins@esc20.net in order to proceed in the creation of a Comprehensive Cohort for the 2026-2027 school year.