

Educator Supports Center of Excellence Update

Strengthening local school districts and educators by providing professional learning, consulting, coaching, and educational resources.

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Update: Literacy

The ELA team has had a meaningful start to the year, grounded in the belief that every educator has a role to play in supporting all students. Literacy coaches are working across the county and beyond to help educators build a shared understanding of Michigan's K–12 Literacy and Dyslexia Law by unpacking the legislation, clarifying key terms and expectations, and connecting that language to everyday instruction. Literacy coaches are also deepening their own expertise through the State's Dyslexia Network, so they can bring informed, meaningful support back to local classrooms and help every educator build an understanding of dyslexia and evidence-informed practices.

The [K-12 Literacy and Dyslexia Law](#) website houses all Michigan's specific dyslexia guidance and is continually being updated with the most current information.

[Michigan's Dyslexia Handbook: A Guide Accelerating Learner Outcomes in Literacy](#) provides educators with research, background knowledge, and classroom applications to support students who experience reading difficulties.

In addition to this work, the ELA team delivered, and will continue delivering, professional learning to support districts with back-to-school planning and engagement, including structured literacy practices. These sessions help teachers put strong foundational skills needed to be a reader into practice. Looking ahead, we're excited to bring Dyslexia 101 sessions to both our elementary and secondary educators in an effort to support our Kalamazoo County students. [English Language Arts Professional Learning Catalog](#)

Attachments:

K-12 Literacy and Dyslexia Law <https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/academic-standards/literacy/k-12-literacy-and-dyslexia-law>

Michigan's Dyslexia Handbook: A Guide Accelerating Learner Outcomes in Literacy
https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/Literacy/Literacy-in-Michigan/MDE_Dyslexia_Handbook.pdf

