Note: The purpose of this policy is to implement the intervention programs set forth in the Alaska Reads Act, HB 114.

The Superintendent shall coordinate the establishment of a District-wide reading intervention program in accordance with AS 14.30.765. The services provided under this program must, to the extent practicable:

- 1. Be provided by a district reading teacher, or paraprofessional under the supervision of a reading teacher, to all students in grades kindergarten through three who are determined to have a reading deficiency based on the statewide screening tool provided by the Department.
- 2. Provide explicit and systematic instruction in phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary development, reading fluency, oral language skills, and reading comprehension, as necessary.
- 3. Use evidence-based reading intervention methods that have shown proven results in accelerating student reading achievement within a single school year.
- 4. Include instruction with detailed explanations, extensive opportunities for guided practice, and opportunities for error correction and feedback.
- 5. Incorporate daily targeted small group reading instruction based on student needs, either in person or online.
- 6. Monitor the reading progress of each student's reading skills throughout the school year and adjust instruction according to student needs.
- 7. Be implemented during regular school hours through any available method, including in person or through online delivery by teachers or specialty reading coaches.
- 8. Be implemented outside of regular school hours, as directed in the student's individual reading improvement plan, for a student who scores at the lowest achievement level on the statewide screening tool.
- 9. Be reviewed based on a Department-approved response to intervention or multi-tiered system support models, addressing additional support and services needed to remedy identified needs.
- 10. Support reading intervention at home by parents or guardians by offering a list of adult literacy resources and organizations, providing opportunities for parent or guardian participation in training workshops, and encouraging regular parent or guardian-guided home reading activities.

## **Individual Reading Improvement Plans**

The District shall provide each student in grades kindergarten through three who is determined to have a reading deficiency based on the statewide screening tool an individual reading improvement plan. This plan must be in accordance with the provisions set forth in AS 14.30.765(b).

# **Notice Requirements**

If at any time during the school year a student in grades kindergarten through three demonstrates a reading deficiency, a District representative shall notify the student's parent or guardian. This

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notification must be no later than 15 days after identification of the reading deficiency and include the information described in AS 14.30.765(c).

# **Progression**

Students identified with a reading deficiency shall progress through grades as set forth under AS 14.30.765(d) - (m).

# Legal Reference:

#### **ALASKA STATUTES**

AS 14.30.760 Statewide screening and support

AS 14.30.765 Reading intervention services and strategies; progression

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4 AAC 06.400 Statewide literacy screening and support

4 AAC 06.405 Reading intervention services and strategies

4 AAC 06.410 Individual reading improvement plan

4 AAC 06.415 Student Progression

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