

## Information Item

**Date:** April 14, 2025

**Division:** Learning & Teaching

**Subject:** Reading Academy Update

### Background Information:

Members of the Learning and Teaching Specialized Support team will present an information item update regarding data and information for the HB3 Reading Academies Phase 4 & 5.

- According to House Bill 3 (HB 3), which was passed by the 86th Texas Legislature in June of 2019, all kindergarten through third grade teachers, including special education teachers, and principals are required to complete the HB 3 Reading Academies by 2023. This includes literacy specialists who see K-3 students in small groups and K-3 departmentalized teachers.
- ESC 11 serves as our authorized provider, and as such provides support for the registration process and light support to the LISD cohort leaders.
- Beginning in July 2023, the blended model will only be offered to the administrators and extenuating circumstances, and the comprehensive model will be required for all future teacher cohorts which includes face to face sessions and four coaching sessions.
- The content from the Reading Academies reinforces the best practices that we promote through the LISD curriculum such as Foundational Literacy Skills, Balanced Literacy, and our Dual Language program. LISD's Literacy Framework builds in time each day for foundational language skills, vocabulary, comprehension and writing skills that are supported by the Reading Academies content.

### Administrative Consideration:

In Feb 2023 TEA announced that year 4 participants will be required to participate in the comprehensive model. This model requires 7-10 live professional learning sessions and 4 coaching sessions per participant along with completion of the assignments and artifacts.

LISD opted to implement the Reading Academies in 4 phases.

- Phase 1-Phase 3
  - Teachers and Principals completed the course on-line with support from Cohort Leaders.
  - LISD served almost 1200 staff members

- Phase 4
  - Last blended cohorts launched in June 2023
  - New Requirement starting after July 2023: Cohorts launched in August of 2023 utilized new Comprehensive Model
  - Together LISD served 135 participants including new hires, new administrators, and second year teachers
- Current: Annual Reading Academies Cohorts
  - Comprehensive Cohort is required for all teachers (only new administrators will utilize the blended course or extenuating circumstances)
  - Launch dates will be in June and complete by May
  - 2024-2025 included 53 participants