

Long Creek School District Early Literacy Grant Presentation

Early Literacy Grant - Info

- What: Non-competitive, application-based, annual grant-in-aid
- Who: School districts and eligible public charter schools that are elementary schools
- Why: To support comprehensive early literacy plans that are research-based and culturally responsive
- When: Application deadline January 8, 2024
- How Much: \$90 million for the 2023-25 biennium funded through the Statewide Education Initiatives Account
 - Long Creek will receive \$41,690.33 in Y1 and \$43,391.97 in Y2

Early Literacy Grant Allowable Uses

- **Professional development and coaching** in research-aligned literacy strategies for teachers and administrators in early elementary grades.
- Extended learning programs that use research-aligned literacy strategies and that are made available to students in early elementary grades by licensed teachers or by qualified tutors; including:

 Home-based summer reading activities for students who need additional support and enrichment;
 Intensive summer school programs for students who need the most additional support and who receive at least 60 hours of direct literacy instruction by an instructional assistant or a licensed teacher trained in

 research-aligned literacy strategies.
- **High-dosage tutoring** that integrates reading and writing and is delivered by a qualified tutor.
- The adoption and implementation of curricula that uses **research-aligned literacy strategies**.
- **Literacy specialists, coaches or interventionists** to support all of the above

Early Literacy Grant - Review

Strengths

- Strong support for students and their individual needs
- Have been improving community engagement and look to continue
- Already using research aligned and teaching philosophy that the grant is working to get schools to work towards

Needs More Support

- Lack supplemental invention curriculum to support students
- Would like more support for staff members to have a team to support students
- School lacks a staff member that is a "Reading Specialist"

Early Literacy Plan

Year 1

- Purchase Benchmark Advance Supplement Curriculum
- Enroll and have all Pre K Grade 3 staff participate in Eastern Oregon University Reading Clinic "Building a Strong Foundation in Literacy"

Year 2

- 2 Certified staff members receive the Reading Endorsement
- Hire a Part Time Reading Specialist

Early Literacy Grant - Application

- Plan Application
 - Step 1: Program Review
 - Step 2: Application Planning
 - Budget

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Questions/Comments?