



Implementing Changes in Florida's Literacy: The New K-12 Comprehensive Evidence-based Reading Plan (CERP) Requirements and the New B.E.S.T. ELA Standards

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K-12 Comprehensive Evidence-based Reading Plan (K-12 CERP)

K-12 CERP

- Changes based on 2017 legislative changes:
 - Literacy coaches required to have reading endorsement/certification and be rated as highly effective
 - Prioritization of funds to address students in grades K-3 with a substantial deficiency in reading
 - Requirement that instructional and intervention materials be evidence-based
- Elements of plan re-emphasized by current template:
 - School Literacy Leadership Teams
 - Weekly Literacy classroom walkthroughs
 - Model classrooms



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New B.E.S.T. ELA Standards

B.E.S.T. ELA Standards

- 4 strands
 - Foundations
 - Reading
 - Communication
 - Vocabulary
- Foundations
 - Elementary Foundations for all
 - Secondary Foundations for those receiving interventions
- Strong connection between reading and writing
- Clarifications written to facilitate vertical planning

Timeline

- 2020-2021 → Professional development and release of Implementation Guide
- 2021-2022 → Implementation of B.E.S.T. ELA Standards in:
 - all K-2 Reading/ELA courses
 - 6-12 ELA/Reading electives (Intensive Reading, World Literature, Speech and Debate, etc.)
- 2022-2023 → Implementation of B.E.S.T. ELA Standards in all ELA/Reading courses



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Implementation

Guiding Principles

- Strong foundational reading skills
- Proactive use of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- Materials and practices that have a proven record of success
- Purposeful professional development

Strong Foundational Reading Skills

K-12 CERP

- Progress monitoring assessments tied to component of reading
- Reading Endorsement/Certification required for:
 - Literacy Coaches
 - Summer Reading Camp teachers
 - Teachers providing tier 3 reading interventions

B.E.S.T. Standards

- Elementary core and intervention courses
- Grade-level specific intensive reading courses in secondary
- Appendix E of B.E.S.T. ELA Standards
- Implementation Guide Resources on Foundational Skills

Proactive Use of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support

K-12 CERP

- Decision Trees in K-12 CERP form written to match MTSS tiers with descriptions of each tier
- Active progress monitoring and movement through tiers

B.E.S.T. Standards

- Interventions for secondary students in Appendix E, including learner profiles
- Courses built with B.E.S.T. standards targeted, not written as catchalls

Materials and Practices with a Record of Success

K-12 CERP

- ESSA Evidence levels required for assessments, materials, and practices
 - Strong
 - Moderate
 - Promising

B.E.S.T. Standards

- Adoption of B.E.S.T. standards aligned materials includes rubric and training on science of reading
- Resources in Standards and Implementation Guide vetted based on best practice and evidence

Purposeful Professional Development

K-12 CERP

- Just Read, Florida!
monthly topical calls
 - Evidence basis
 - Oral language
 - Distance learning
- Reading Endorsement
- PD Opportunities
 - Weekly classroom literacy walkthroughs
 - Model classrooms
 - Data chats

B.E.S.T. Standards

- Content knowledge-building PD based specifically on elements from B.E.S.T. standards
 - Science of Reading
 - Reading/writing connection
 - Rhetoric
 - Literary periods
- Training in vertical and horizontal planning



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Next Steps

Attend JRF! Monthly Webinars

Participate in JRF! Literacy Institutes

Refer to your approved K-12 CERP Plan when discussing literacy

**Schedule a JRF!
call with your
Literacy
Leadership**

Encourage best
practices like
model
classrooms and
literacy
walkthroughs

Join JRF! book club
beginning in
January for
resources,
podcasts, and book
club online
meetings

Emphasize the
importance of
using
evidence-
based
practices and
materials

Reach out to your State Regional
Literacy Director(s) for targeted
professional development in
implementation of the K-12 plan and
B.E.S.T. ELA standards

Make K-3 literacy and intervention
for those with a substantial
deficiency in reading a priority in
training, resources, and messaging

Celebrate Literacy!



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