



Literacy

Public Act 103-0402

Public Act 103-0402 amends the Illinois School Code with the aim of elevating literacy instruction in Illinois. The Act imposes mandates on the Illinois State Board of Education to establish a robust literacy framework and enhance educator learning and development in evidence-based literacy instruction.

The act aims to significantly improve literacy rates among students by fostering an environment that supports reading and writing proficiency. This initiative not only targets academic success but also seeks to address broader societal challenges associated with low literacy levels.

Contact the Standards and Instruction Department with questions by emailing standards@isbe.net



Learn more about literacy efforts and access resources.

In Illinois, each school district has local control to determine its own curricula and instructional methods to best serve the needs of its students and fulfill state requirements for units of study.

Mandates and Deadlines

January 31, 2024 | Develop and Adopt a Comprehensive Literacy Plan

July 1, 2024 | Release Resources for Districts

- Curriculum Evaluation Rubric
- Literacy Plan Template
- Guidance for Literacy Coaches

January 1, 2025 | Develop and Make Available Professional Learning for Educators Aligned to the Literacy Plan

July 1, 2026 | Measure Level of Educator Preparation

- Language and literacy subscore on elementary content knowledge tests.
- Publish test participation and language and literacy pass rates by program