



STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

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State Board  
of Education

**MEMORANDUM**

Governor Kay Ivey  
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**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

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District I

**FROM:** Eric G. Mackey *EGM*  
State Superintendent of Education

Tracie West  
District II  
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**SUBJECT:** Three-Cueing System Prohibition

Stephanie Bell  
District III

During its May 9, 2024, Board Meeting, the Alabama State Board of Education voted to adopt [Alabama Administrative Code Rule 290-3-3.61](#). This rule outlines the Science of Reading (SoR) coursework standards for students enrolled in Alabama’s educator preparation programs (EPPs). To ensure that our pre-service teachers are being taught appropriate strategies and our current teachers are using appropriate strategies, this rule also specifically prohibits the use of the Three-Cueing System in Alabama’s EPPs and in Alabama public schools. An excerpt is provided below:

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.  
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*“Three-Cueing System” is any model of teaching students to read based on meaning, structure/syntax, and visual cues (MSV). The utilization of the Three-Cueing System within coursework, materials, instructional strategies, etc., is prohibited in Alabama EPPs and in Alabama public schools.*

Tonya S. Chestnut, Ed.D.  
District V  
President Pro Tem

Marie Manning  
District VI

Please take time to evaluate all instructional materials and practices to ensure the Three-Cueing System is not being utilized. The EPPs should also review all graduate-level program content and textbooks to ensure that they do not include three-cueing. If you have any questions, please contact your ARI Regional Literacy Specialist.

Belinda McRae  
District VII

Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.  
District VIII

EGM/SYH/MF

Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.  
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