



STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

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

**SUBJECT:** School Year 2024-2025 Reading Interventionist Position Grant Application  
Supporting Implementation of the *Alabama Literacy Act*

In support of the implementation of the *Alabama Literacy Act* (ALA), the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) and the Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI) are offering opportunities to provide a reading interventionist teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. This teacher will serve as a full-time reading interventionist at one school, as well as commit to the two-year professional learning associated with the Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT) program, if the reading interventionist is not already in training or fully trained as a CALT. This is an opportunity for local education agencies (LEAs) to enhance their implementation of the ALA in Alabama public schools, including charter schools. This work will equip a teacher with deep-reading content knowledge in how to teach struggling readers most effectively. The professional learning will enhance student reading growth by utilizing a designated individual committed to the [ARI-Funded Reading Interventionist-Model Job Description](#) who will be supporting students identified with consistent reading deficiencies and/or students with the characteristics of dyslexia.

The deadline to submit the School Year 2024-2025 Reading Interventionist Position Grant Application Supporting Implementation of the ALA is Friday, June 21, 2024, at 11:59 p.m., with limited positions being funded. Follow the instructions on the ALSDE School Year 2024-2025 [Reading Interventionist Position Grant Application Supporting Implementation of the Alabama Literacy Act](#) to apply. Please note that these funds are **not** to replace locally funded positions already established. Grant determination letters will be sent in July. Memorandums of Agreement and training dates (if applicable) will follow.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your Regional Literacy Leadership Specialist or contact Mrs. Roshelle Carden, ARI Education Specialist, by telephone at 334-694-4632 or by email at [roshelle.carden@alsde.edu](mailto:roshelle.carden@alsde.edu).

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