



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

October 2, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

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

SUBJECT: Assessment Funding, Professional Learning, and Peer Coaching Grant for Supporting Struggling Readers Beyond Grade 3

In support of literacy attainment for students beyond Grade 3, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is providing funding, opportunity, and guidance in the following ways:

1. Funding is being provided for universal screening for **all** fourth and fifth graders at \$6 per child, the same rate as your Grades K-3 students. This will help with continuing a structure of identification of students with deficiencies in literacy and data to support the continuation or discontinuation of Student Reading Improvement Plans (SRIPs). Districts are encouraged to align fourth and fifth-grade screeners with the ALSDE-approved kindergarten through third-grade universal screeners. Districts already funding fourth and fifth grades may use the funding to extend universal screeners to older grades or to purchase intervention programming, tutoring, and/or summer reading camp for students in fourth and fifth grades.
2. A grant titled “Supporting Struggling Readers Beyond Grade 3” will provide an opportunity for local education agencies (LEAs) with the greatest needs to attain funds for the continued prevention and intervention efforts (intervention programming, tutoring, and/or summer reading camp) for students in the fourth and fifth grades with continued literacy needs in Alabama public schools, including charter schools; thus extending structures that improve the quality, relevance, and effectiveness for literacy success. An additional memorandum is forthcoming that will include an opportunity for schools demonstrating the highest needs.
3. A grant is being offered for participation in the “ALSDE Peer Coaching Literacy Cohort.” This will include interested fourth and fifth-grade teachers and support release time for co-planning, visiting each other’s classrooms, co-reflection, and professional learning. Priority will be offered to fourth and fifth-grade teachers who have invested in professional learning opportunities in the Science of Reading. **Click [here](#) to apply for the “Peer Coaching Cohort” grant due by October 21, 2024.**
4. Professional learning is now open for teachers in grades four and above. The following opportunities are available free to Alabama public schools:
 - Neuhaus Structured Literacy Modules ([Sign up link](#))
 - SES-PCG ELA Online Learning Series: Developing Strong Literacy Skills in Grades 4-8, PowerSchool Course Number 306194; ([Sign up through PowerSchool](#))

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5. Guidance is being given to struggling readers beyond grade three. Click on the link for the [one-pager](#) to guide the next steps for implementing support for students beyond Grade 3. Please review this with the necessary parties.

Funds will be disbursed to LEAs for the universal screening assessment on a \$6 per-pupil basis (fourth and fifth grades) for reading. The per-pupil allocation will be based on the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY 2024) Average Daily Membership (ADM). A copy of the allocation list is attached. The fund source is 1775. All funds must be spent by September 30, 2025. No carryover will be allowed for these disbursements. The disbursement dates are as follows:

- First Payment: October 2024
- Second Payment: April 2025

Although funding for the universal assessments will be provided for all fourth and fifth graders to continue a cohesive structure needed due to the *Alabama Literacy Act*, limited funding is available for grants. This is important because the *Alabama Literacy Act* states that students with a SRIP should continue with the plan until a student no longer has a deficiency. Grant funding will be provided in FY2025 within the first semester. The fund source for the per-pupil allocation and both grants will be 1775.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Literacy Leadership Specialist or contact Mrs. Misty Wilson, ARI Education Specialist by telephone at 334-694-4632 or by email at misty.wilson@alsde.edu.

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Attachment

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FY25 Literacy Universal Screening Assessments for Grades 4 and 5

Syscode	SystemName	Grade 4	Grade 5	4/5 Total	\$6 Per ADM
103	Alabaster City	\$ 449.05	\$ 441.75	\$ 890.80	\$ 5,345.00
101	Albertville City	\$ 422.15	\$ 431.25	\$ 853.40	\$ 5,120.00
102	Alexander City	\$ 210.80	\$ 193.25	\$ 404.05	\$ 2,424.00
104	Andalusia City	\$ 148.80	\$ 137.65	\$ 286.45	\$ 1,719.00
105	Anniston City	\$ 132.25	\$ 151.60	\$ 283.85	\$ 1,703.00
106	Arab City	\$ 207.95	\$ 183.85	\$ 391.80	\$ 2,351.00
107	Athens City	\$ 366.85	\$ 340.15	\$ 707.00	\$ 4,242.00
109	Attalla City	\$ 93.75	\$ 102.65	\$ 196.40	\$ 1,178.00
110	Auburn City	\$ 732.65	\$ 721.70	\$ 1,454.35	\$ 8,726.00
001	Autauga County	\$ 629.65	\$ 615.90	\$ 1,245.55	\$ 7,473.00
002	Baldwin County	\$ 2,342.15	\$ 2,298.90	\$ 4,641.05	\$ 27,846.00
003	Barbour County	\$ 41.00	\$ 44.40	\$ 85.40	\$ 512.00
113	Bessemer City	\$ 253.05	\$ 259.00	\$ 512.05	\$ 3,072.00
004	Bibb County	\$ 211.55	\$ 226.85	\$ 438.40	\$ 2,630.00
114	Birmingham City	\$ 1,636.65	\$ 1,614.40	\$ 3,251.05	\$ 19,506.00
005	Blount County	\$ 542.20	\$ 537.95	\$ 1,080.15	\$ 6,481.00
115	Boaz City	\$ 170.85	\$ 197.00	\$ 367.85	\$ 2,207.00
808	Breakthrough Charter School	\$ 24.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 312.00
116	Brewton City	\$ 76.00	\$ 81.85	\$ 157.85	\$ 947.00
006	Bullock County	\$ 90.00	\$ 89.25	\$ 179.25	\$ 1,076.00
007	Butler County	\$ 202.60	\$ 192.25	\$ 394.85	\$ 2,369.00
008	Calhoun County	\$ 558.50	\$ 575.95	\$ 1,134.45	\$ 6,807.00
009	Chambers County	\$ 240.25	\$ 225.85	\$ 466.10	\$ 2,797.00
010	Cherokee County	\$ 291.10	\$ 265.15	\$ 556.25	\$ 3,338.00
121	Chickasaw City	\$ 176.20	\$ 171.15	\$ 347.35	\$ 2,084.00
011	Chilton County	\$ 577.35	\$ 556.60	\$ 1,133.95	\$ 6,804.00
012	Choctaw County	\$ 64.60	\$ 69.95	\$ 134.55	\$ 807.00
013	Clarke County	\$ 126.00	\$ 150.45	\$ 276.45	\$ 1,659.00
014	Clay County	\$ 130.30	\$ 110.00	\$ 240.30	\$ 1,442.00
015	Cleburne County	\$ 184.20	\$ 184.00	\$ 368.20	\$ 2,209.00
016	Coffee County	\$ 212.05	\$ 199.60	\$ 411.65	\$ 2,470.00
017	Colbert County	\$ 176.85	\$ 191.50	\$ 368.35	\$ 2,210.00
018	Conecuh County	\$ 77.25	\$ 91.00	\$ 168.25	\$ 1,010.00
019	Coosa County	\$ 56.20	\$ 48.00	\$ 104.20	\$ 625.00
813	Covenant Academy of Mobile	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.55	\$ 72.55	\$ 435.00
020	Covington County	\$ 202.65	\$ 238.60	\$ 441.25	\$ 2,648.00
021	Crenshaw County	\$ 135.95	\$ 134.85	\$ 270.80	\$ 1,625.00
125	Cullman City	\$ 238.70	\$ 233.70	\$ 472.40	\$ 2,834.00
022	Cullman County	\$ 734.35	\$ 723.20	\$ 1,457.55	\$ 8,745.00
023	Dale County	\$ 253.55	\$ 233.80	\$ 487.35	\$ 2,924.00
126	Daleville City	\$ 64.55	\$ 83.75	\$ 148.30	\$ 890.00
024	Dallas County	\$ 155.05	\$ 189.40	\$ 344.45	\$ 2,067.00
127	Decatur City	\$ 648.85	\$ 606.35	\$ 1,255.20	\$ 7,531.00

FY25 Literacy Universal Screening Assessments for Grades 4 and 5

025	DeKalb County	\$ 594.25	\$ 616.65	\$ 1,210.90	\$ 7,265.00
128	Demopolis City	\$ 166.40	\$ 137.70	\$ 304.10	\$ 1,825.00
130	Dothan City	\$ 603.75	\$ 590.60	\$ 1,194.35	\$ 7,166.00
131	Elba City	\$ 47.60	\$ 54.40	\$ 102.00	\$ 612.00
026	Elmore County	\$ 790.95	\$ 811.93	\$ 1,602.88	\$ 9,617.00
132	Enterprise City	\$ 474.05	\$ 469.25	\$ 943.30	\$ 5,660.00
027	Escambia County	\$ 299.85	\$ 329.20	\$ 629.05	\$ 3,774.00
028	Etowah County	\$ 648.75	\$ 595.75	\$ 1,244.50	\$ 7,467.00
133	Eufaula City	\$ 414.90	\$ 443.20	\$ 858.10	\$ 5,149.00
137	Fairfield City	\$ 104.00	\$ 99.20	\$ 203.20	\$ 1,219.00
029	Fayette County	\$ 155.65	\$ 159.40	\$ 315.05	\$ 1,890.00
141	Florence City	\$ 308.15	\$ 318.95	\$ 627.10	\$ 3,763.00
143	Fort Payne City	\$ 248.90	\$ 238.55	\$ 487.45	\$ 2,925.00
030	Franklin County	\$ 250.60	\$ 267.85	\$ 518.45	\$ 3,111.00
144	Gadsden City	\$ 389.45	\$ 354.90	\$ 744.35	\$ 4,466.00
146	Geneva City	\$ 92.50	\$ 90.75	\$ 183.25	\$ 1,100.00
031	Geneva County	\$ 192.20	\$ 202.00	\$ 394.20	\$ 2,365.00
032	Greene County	\$ 65.35	\$ 64.75	\$ 130.10	\$ 781.00
152	Gulf Shores City	\$ 192.35	\$ 186.90	\$ 379.25	\$ 2,276.00
154	Guntersville City	\$ 127.00	\$ 113.45	\$ 240.45	\$ 1,443.00
033	Hale County	\$ 160.25	\$ 161.85	\$ 322.10	\$ 1,933.00
155	Haleyville City	\$ 113.55	\$ 118.75	\$ 232.30	\$ 1,394.00
156	Hartselle City	\$ 251.70	\$ 260.30	\$ 512.00	\$ 3,072.00
034	Henry County	\$ 171.00	\$ 186.45	\$ 357.45	\$ 2,145.00
157	Homewood City	\$ 331.10	\$ 335.85	\$ 666.95	\$ 4,002.00
158	Hoover City	\$ 933.10	\$ 965.25	\$ 1,898.35	\$ 11,390.00
035	Houston County	\$ 480.45	\$ 492.25	\$ 972.70	\$ 5,836.00
159	Huntsville City	\$ 1,774.70	\$ 1,710.45	\$ 3,485.15	\$ 20,911.00
805	i3 Academy	\$ 74.30	\$ 72.05	\$ 146.35	\$ 878.00
036	Jackson County	\$ 339.70	\$ 376.00	\$ 715.70	\$ 4,294.00
162	Jacksonville City	\$ 115.00	\$ 124.45	\$ 239.45	\$ 1,437.00
163	Jasper City	\$ 194.25	\$ 228.30	\$ 422.55	\$ 2,535.00
037	Jefferson County	\$ 2,364.40	\$ 2,501.85	\$ 4,866.25	\$ 29,198.00
038	Lamar County	\$ 152.80	\$ 164.00	\$ 316.80	\$ 1,901.00
165	Lanett City	\$ 84.00	\$ 69.45	\$ 153.45	\$ 921.00
039	Lauderdale County	\$ 566.10	\$ 567.00	\$ 1,133.10	\$ 6,799.00
040	Lawrence County	\$ 333.80	\$ 302.10	\$ 635.90	\$ 3,815.00
802	LEAD Academy	\$ 78.95	\$ 71.00	\$ 149.95	\$ 900.00
041	Lee County	\$ 614.30	\$ 679.95	\$ 1,294.25	\$ 7,766.00
167	Leeds City	\$ 152.15	\$ 144.15	\$ 296.30	\$ 1,778.00
803	Legacy Prep	\$ 63.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 648.00
807	LIFE Academy	\$ 62.40	\$ 50.80	\$ 113.20	\$ 679.00
042	Limestone County	\$ 946.05	\$ 988.90	\$ 1,934.95	\$ 11,610.00
168	Linden City	\$ 20.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 276.00

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043	Lowndes County	\$ 86.65	\$ 80.00	\$ 166.65	\$ 1,000.00
044	Macon County	\$ 130.65	\$ 115.00	\$ 245.65	\$ 1,474.00
169	Madison City	\$ 905.60	\$ 967.80	\$ 1,873.40	\$ 11,240.00
045	Madison County	\$ 1,500.80	\$ 1,448.20	\$ 2,949.00	\$ 17,694.00
046	Marengo County	\$ 61.35	\$ 66.95	\$ 128.30	\$ 770.00
047	Marion County	\$ 267.50	\$ 213.85	\$ 481.35	\$ 2,888.00
048	Marshall County	\$ 418.15	\$ 395.85	\$ 814.00	\$ 4,884.00
171	Midfield City	\$ 67.00	\$ 79.65	\$ 146.65	\$ 880.00
049	Mobile County	\$ 3,820.60	\$ 3,723.35	\$ 7,543.95	\$ 45,264.00
050	Monroe County	\$ 171.00	\$ 227.65	\$ 398.65	\$ 2,392.00
051	Montgomery County	\$ 2,028.45	\$ 1,927.65	\$ 3,956.10	\$ 23,737.00
052	Morgan County	\$ 533.90	\$ 531.15	\$ 1,065.05	\$ 6,390.00
175	Mountain Brook City	\$ 362.00	\$ 335.00	\$ 697.00	\$ 4,182.00
176	Muscle Shoals City	\$ 206.60	\$ 204.70	\$ 411.30	\$ 2,468.00
178	Oneonta City	\$ 82.40	\$ 115.40	\$ 197.80	\$ 1,187.00
179	Opelika City	\$ 410.40	\$ 394.35	\$ 804.75	\$ 4,829.00
180	Opp City	\$ 82.30	\$ 96.65	\$ 178.95	\$ 1,074.00
174	Orange Beach City	\$ 93.75	\$ 80.05	\$ 173.80	\$ 1,043.00
181	Oxford City	\$ 274.95	\$ 264.70	\$ 539.65	\$ 3,238.00
182	Ozark City	\$ 117.75	\$ 130.10	\$ 247.85	\$ 1,487.00
177	Pelham City	\$ 252.10	\$ 236.00	\$ 488.10	\$ 2,929.00
183	Pell City	\$ 311.30	\$ 281.90	\$ 593.20	\$ 3,559.00
053	Perry County	\$ 41.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 510.00
184	Phenix City	\$ 557.85	\$ 557.65	\$ 1,115.50	\$ 6,693.00
054	Pickens County	\$ 146.25	\$ 150.10	\$ 296.35	\$ 1,778.00
185	Piedmont City	\$ 73.25	\$ 73.00	\$ 146.25	\$ 878.00
055	Pike County	\$ 149.60	\$ 155.55	\$ 305.15	\$ 1,831.00
186	Pike Road City	\$ 184.45	\$ 215.50	\$ 399.95	\$ 2,400.00
056	Randolph County	\$ 149.35	\$ 154.85	\$ 304.20	\$ 1,825.00
188	Roanoke City	\$ 101.25	\$ 97.55	\$ 198.80	\$ 1,193.00
057	Russell County	\$ 283.60	\$ 277.85	\$ 561.45	\$ 3,369.00
189	Russellville City	\$ 185.00	\$ 179.55	\$ 364.55	\$ 2,187.00
187	Saraland City	\$ 259.80	\$ 254.30	\$ 514.10	\$ 3,085.00
196	Satsuma City	\$ 111.65	\$ 104.00	\$ 215.65	\$ 1,294.00
190	Scottsboro City	\$ 173.80	\$ 175.15	\$ 348.95	\$ 2,094.00
191	Selma City	\$ 195.45	\$ 161.60	\$ 357.05	\$ 2,142.00
192	Sheffield City	\$ 60.00	\$ 66.63	\$ 126.63	\$ 760.00
059	Shelby County	\$ 1,601.05	\$ 1,536.10	\$ 3,137.15	\$ 18,823.00
058	St Clair County	\$ 710.65	\$ 699.55	\$ 1,410.20	\$ 8,461.00
060	Sumter County	\$ 65.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 133.00	\$ 798.00
193	Sylacauga City	\$ 120.05	\$ 137.00	\$ 257.05	\$ 1,542.00
194	Talladega City	\$ 93.35	\$ 122.70	\$ 216.05	\$ 1,296.00
061	Talladega County	\$ 505.75	\$ 473.80	\$ 979.55	\$ 5,877.00
062	Tallapoosa County	\$ 193.80	\$ 219.55	\$ 413.35	\$ 2,480.00

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195	Tallassee City	\$ 100.50	\$ 102.65	\$ 203.15	\$ 1,219.00
197	Tarrant City	\$ 95.75	\$ 80.05	\$ 175.80	\$ 1,055.00
198	Thomasville City	\$ 90.30	\$ 68.00	\$ 158.30	\$ 950.00
199	Troy City	\$ 109.65	\$ 128.75	\$ 238.40	\$ 1,430.00
205	Trussville City	\$ 382.45	\$ 367.80	\$ 750.25	\$ 4,502.00
200	Tuscaloosa City	\$ 811.85	\$ 808.70	\$ 1,620.55	\$ 9,723.00
063	Tuscaloosa County	\$ 1,419.05	\$ 1,360.60	\$ 2,779.65	\$ 16,678.00
201	Tuscumbia City	\$ 106.00	\$ 107.45	\$ 213.45	\$ 1,281.00
801	University Charter School	\$ 49.80	\$ 47.00	\$ 96.80	\$ 581.00
202	Vestavia Hills City	\$ 456.20	\$ 567.90	\$ 1,024.10	\$ 6,145.00
064	Walker County	\$ 494.05	\$ 500.65	\$ 994.70	\$ 5,968.00
065	Washington County	\$ 140.50	\$ 163.90	\$ 304.40	\$ 1,826.00
066	Wilcox County	\$ 75.05	\$ 94.05	\$ 169.10	\$ 1,015.00
204	Winfield City	\$ 81.70	\$ 98.70	\$ 180.40	\$ 1,082.00
067	Winston County	\$ 157.75	\$ 147.25	\$ 305.00	\$ 1,830.00
	TOTAL				\$ 642,402.00