

**READING - Professional Requirement Comparison for Teachers**

Requirement	Reading Endorsement Requirement	Reading Renewal Requirement
<p align="center"><b>College Course Work or Professional Development</b></p>	<p align="center"><u>4 Pathways</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fifteen (15) semester hours in college reading coursework or combination of college credit and district professional development credit</li> <li>Completion of an approved district add-on reading endorsement program</li> <li>Completion of an approved certificate program</li> <li>A passing score on the Reading Certification Exam (<b>this option is only valid through 6/30/2024</b>)</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><u>40 hours of Qualifying Reading Courses</u></p> <p align="center">40 hours of Qualifying Reading PD + 20 hours of SWD PD + 60 hours of Other PD</p> <p align="center">TOTAL 120 hours of PD to renew</p>
<p align="center"><b>Who</b></p>	<p>All teachers providing Tier 3 reading interventions <b>must have</b> the reading endorsement or certification. All teachers teaching at Summer Reading Camps <b>must have</b> the reading endorsement or certification.</p> <p>Tier 3 reading interventions are determined and assigned by the school MTSS Team for students needing intensive Reading instruction. These students are coded and identified in FOCUS on the Master Schedule.</p>	<p><b>Certificated Employees who hold certification in the following areas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elementary Education (K-6)</li> <li>Pre-Kindergarten/Primary Education (age 3 through grade 3)</li> <li>Elementary Education (grades 1-6)</li> <li>Primary Education (grade K-3)</li> <li>English (grades 1-6)</li> <li>Middle Grades English (grades 5-9)</li> <li>Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum (grades 5-9)</li> <li>English (6-12)</li> <li>Reading (K-12)</li> <li>Reading (Endorsement)</li> <li>English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) (grades K-12)</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>Timeline</b></p>	<p><i>DOE Order No. 2020-E0-07 V. Intensive Reading Interventions In order to ensure that students are provided intensive reading interventions when there are limited opportunities to complete reading certifications and endorsements, sections 100825(7)(b)3., 1011.62(9)(c)5., and 1011.62(9)(d)1., Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-6.6053(9)(c)5., Florida Administrative Code, are suspended to allow teachers who are not fully certified or endorsed in reading to provide intensive reading interventions out-of-field until <b>June 30, 2021.</b></i></p> <p><b>*Original Statute 1008.25(7)(b)3</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If a teacher with one of those coverages renewed in <b>2020</b>, the 40 hours must be earned by <b>2025</b>.</li> <li>If a teacher with one of those coverages renewed in <b>2021</b>, the 40 hours must be earned by <b>2026</b>.</li> <li>If a teacher with one of those coverages renewed in <b>2022</b>, the 40 hours must be earned by <b>2027</b>.</li> <li>If a teacher with one of those coverages renewed in <b>2023</b>, the 40 hours must be earned by <b>2028</b>.</li> <li>If a teacher with one of those coverages renewed in <b>2024</b>, the 40 hours must be earned by <b>2029</b>.</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>Implications</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Out of Field is not an option</li> <li>Schoolwide scheduling issues</li> <li>Unfair distribution of Tier 3 students</li> </ul>	<p><b>Can't renew certificate without this requirement.</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Courses Available</b></p>	<p><u>Competency 1:</u> Instructional Foundations of Language and Reading</p> <p><u>Competency 2:</u> Applications of Research-Based Instruction</p> <p><u>Competency 3:</u> Foundations of Assessment for Teachers and Principals</p> <p><u>Competency 4:</u> Foundations and Applications of Differentiated Instruction</p> <p><u>Competency 5:</u> Demonstration of Accomplished Practices in Reading</p>	<p><b><u>FDLRS Courses</u></b></p> <p><u>Exploring Structure Literacy</u> - Facilitated PDA Course (40 Hours)</p> <p><u>Differentiating Reading Instruction</u> - Facilitated PDA Course (60 Hours)</p> <p><u>Reading Difficulties, Disabilities, and Dyslexia</u> - Independent Study PDA Course (20 Hours)</p> <p><u>Making Reading Instruction Explicit</u> - Facilitated Webinar with Instructor (15 Hours)</p>

## Reading Endorsement Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the difference between Reading Endorsement and Reading Certification?
  - a. An endorsement is a “rider” on top of a valid Florida teaching certificate with another subject coverage and denotes an expertise in an instructional level or methodology. An endorsement cannot stand alone on a certificate. Certification stands on its own. The criteria for each are determined by the state of Florida. The Reading Endorsement does not require a Subject Area Exam; whereas, Reading Certification does.
2. Does a teacher with a master’s degree in Reading need to earn the Reading Endorsement?
  - a. No, a teacher does not need both. A teacher either needs to be reading endorsed or reading certified. A master’s degree in reading meets all the state’s requirements to teach reading. To be in compliance with state mandates, Reading Endorsement or Reading Certification must be added to the teacher’s Florida teaching certificate.
3. Where do I start with my Reading Endorsement questions and courses?
  - a. Read the Reading Endorsement Information (this document) first.
  - b. Review the flow chart to determine if you need to be Reading Endorsed.
  - c. To determine if any of your college/university courses will count towards your endorsement, you can apply to the Florida Department of Education to receive an Official Statement of Status of Eligibility. To apply, an application fee of \$75.00 is required.
4. Do I have to take the Reading Endorsement Competencies Course(s) to receive my Reading Endorsement?
  - a. To be Reading Endorsed you must complete the necessary competencies applicable to your license OR you have the option to take the Reading Certification Exam.
5. When will teachers be able to apply to add the Reading Endorsement with a passing score on the Reading K-12 subject area exam?
  - a. Since the Rule 6A.-4.0292 went into effect on December 22, 2019, educators are now able to apply under the new rule. This rule expires June 30, 2024.
6. Are there any stipulations on the date of the exam to be eligible for the endorsement? Will applicants need to re-take the subject area exam for Reading K-12?
  - a. If the exam is no older than 10 years and has not been used for issuance of an initial certificate, applicants can use this exam to apply to have the Reading Endorsement added to their certificate.
7. Can you give me more information about the Florida Reading Exam?
  - a. A passing score on the Florida Reading Exam will count for the Reading Endorsement.
  - b. The current price for the Reading Exam is \$150.
  - c. The life of the Reading Exam is 10 years from the date that the exam was passed.
8. Does every teacher (math, social studies, P.E., music, etc.) of a retained third grade student need to be certified or endorsed in reading?
  - a. No. Section 1011.62(9), F.S., requires that, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, intensive reading interventions must be delivered by a teacher who is certified or endorsed in reading. Thus, only the teacher who is delivering the intensive reading interventions will need to be certified or endorsed in reading.
  - b. Please refer to the Reading Endorsement Flow Chart.
9. May paraprofessionals, long-term substitutes, or volunteers provide the required intensive reading interventions?
  - a. No. Section 1011.62(9), F.S., states the intensive reading interventions are to be delivered by a teacher who is certified or endorsed in reading.

# Reading Endorsement Flow Chart 2020-2021 School Year and Beyond

WHO needs to be Reading Endorsed or to be Reading Certified?

- Any teacher who will be providing Tier 3 interventions in Reading K-12
- Any teacher who will be teaching reading to third grade retained students

**Teacher status - Do I need to add the reading endorsement to my certificate?**

Do you teach Reading  
to one of the groups  
listed above?

No

You DO NOT need to add  
the Reading Endorsement or  
Reading Certification

**You DO need to add the  
endorsement to your certificate.**

IF you have taken reading coursework previously, the first step is to apply to add the Reading Endorsement to your certificate, and to have the FLDOE evaluate your college transcripts for credit based on previous reading coursework. There is a \$75 add-on fee, which is paid upfront. This fee is for the transcript evaluation as well as the addition of the endorsement after any required coursework is completed. Once the evaluation is complete you will receive a Statement of Eligibility letter which is valid for three years.

**OR**

**You DO need to add the  
endorsement to your  
certificate.**

IF you have no previous reading coursework, the first step is to contact Human Resources for the determination of necessary coursework, processing of your application and to pay the \$75 fee.

# Transcript Review

The Florida Department of Education reviews transcripts for the Reading Endorsement. Teachers need to apply on line at <https://flcertify.fldoe.org/datamart/login.do>, submit the Addition of Subject to Educator Professional Certificate and pay the \$75.00 fee. DOE will then review their transcript for Reading.



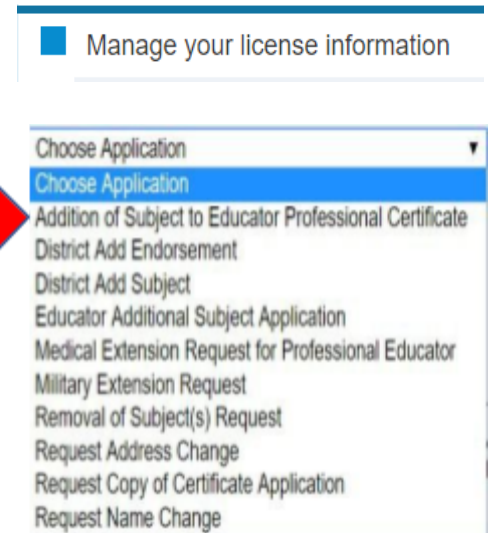
## FLDOE Online Application Directions

1. Log onto <https://flcertify.fldoe.org/datamart/login.do>
2. Quick Start Menu Section called: Manage your License Information
3. Select: Addition of Subject to Educator Professional Certificate
4. Fill in the rest of the questions specifically to you and your license.
5. Affiliate yourself with Bradford County School District.

BCSD cannot see our application if you do not affiliate.

If you do not see a location to affiliate, it means you are already affiliated with a school district. You can skip this step.

6. Please pay the fee online (\$75.00).



### Official Statement of Status of Eligibility Notes:

- The current wait time to receive your FL DOE Official Statement of Status of Eligibility is 4-6 weeks. This statement will give you what specific credits are needed for your current license to receiving your Reading Endorsement.
- You may start your competency courses prior to your statement, but you may not know exactly which competency you are required to take. Your specific license and courses will determine which competencies you will need for your endorsement.