

1. What is Act 108, and what are the requirements of this law?

Act 108 was passed during the 2021 Regular Legislative Session. This law requires that:

- Teachers and school administrators of students in grades K-3 shall complete one approved professional development course in the science of reading and provide documentation of successful completion of the course to the employing school by the 2023-2024 school year.
- Any teachers hired after August 1, 2023, must complete such a course within two years of employment
- Beginning May 1, 2022 and annually thereafter, systems shall report the extent to which teachers and school administrators completed science of reading training to the Louisiana Department of Education.

2. Which teachers must complete the science of reading training required under Act 108?

All teachers in grades K-3 that teach reading, math, science, or social studies are required to complete science of reading training offered by an approved vendor. All teachers that *directly* and *regularly* teach students in at least one of these grades and one of these subject areas are required to complete such training.

The following are common examples of teachers that are required to complete the training:

- All regular education or special education teachers in reading, math, science or social studies
- Reading interventionists that work directly with students
- Master teachers that directly instruct K-3 students in core areas at regular intervals

The following are examples of teachers that are not required to complete science of reading training:

- Teachers who do not directly teach students in reading, math science, or social studies, such as those that only teach PE or Art
- Teachers who only teach in grades outside of grades K-3
- Teachers who only teach core subjects in language immersion classes that are conducted in a language other than English

3. Which school administrators must complete the science of reading training required under Act 108?

All school administrators who work at a school with students enrolled in grades K-3 are required to complete science of reading training offered by an approved vendor. Principals and assistant principals are the only school administrators required to complete this training. School personnel serving in other administrative roles are not required to complete training.

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4. Which vendors are approved to offer science of reading training?

There are currently four approved vendors, including:

- AIM Institute for Learning & Research
- Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana
- Keys to Literacy
- Voyager Sopris Learning/Lexia Learning

5. What happens if my school used a vendor other than those on the approved vendor list?

Other vendors may be used only if a waiver was granted prior to beginning training. For information on waivers, contact louisianaliteracy@la.gov.

6. When does training have to be completed?

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7. How will Act 108 data be collected?

For each school under their jurisdiction, LEA's must report Act 108 data by completing a form that will be emailed to each superintendent. Specific data that must be reported include:

- the number of teachers and school administrators that are required to complete science of reading training and that were employed on April 1.
- the number of teachers and school administrators that successfully completed science of reading training and were employed on April 1.
- the number of teachers and school administrators still enrolled in the science of reading training and were employed on April 1.

Complete the Jotforms no later than **May 1, 2024**.

8. Who completes the form?

The form should be completed by the superintendent or his/her designees.

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9. When is the deadline for returning the completed form?

Complete the Jotforms no later than **May 1, 2024**.

10. How will Act 108 data be reported?

Act 108 data will be publicly reported in School Finder, located at louisianaschools.com. The percent of teachers and school administrators completing required training will be reported for each school and district.

11. Additional questions and information:

- For questions about the requirements of Act 108, who needs to complete the training, or completing the survey, contact louisianaliteracy@la.gov.