



# EFFECTIVE LITERACY IMPLEMENTATION FOR TEACHERS

## PURPOSE

This concise guide provides immediate strategies that teachers can utilize to promote literacy in their classrooms. The format features impact statements from Louisiana's literacy initiatives accompanied by applicable ways teachers can implement best literacy practices.

**PRIORITY ALIGNMENT**  
Provide the highest quality teaching and learning environment from birth through graduation.

**FOCUS AREA**  
Literacy

## LOUISIANA'S PILLARS OF EFFECTIVE LITERACY IMPLEMENTATION FOR TEACHERS



**Student literacy outcomes will increase when schools create and monitor LITERACY GOALS.**

- Communicate **literacy goals** with students and families.
- Monitor literacy goals regularly to ensure goals are being met.



**Literacy outcomes will improve when students are provided high-quality core instruction together with EXPLICIT LITERACY INTERVENTIONS AND EXTENSIONS based on individual student needs.**

- Plan and deliver daily **high-quality core curriculum** instruction and interactions for all students.
- Apply **best practices for foundational skills** instruction based on the science of teaching reading in elementary classrooms.
- Ensure access to books for students to practice reading skills through a **classroom library**.
- Provide responsive **interventions and extension opportunities** to students based on individual needs and promote the foundations of reading.



**ONGOING PROFESSIONAL GROWTH is an essential component of effective teaching and literacy development.**

- Engage in two-way reflective dialogue with leaders and respond to constructive feedback.
- Be an active participant in learning communities and other collaborative opportunities.
- Take a proactive role in professional development opportunities.
- Access the Department's Literacy Division webpage for **professional development opportunities**.



**FAMILIES play an essential role in the literacy development of children at all ages and stages.**

- Engage in open communication with families about their child's progress and needs.
- Engage families in providing literacy support for their students by utilizing **strategies and resources** available on the Department's Literacy webpage that were compiled from educators across Louisiana.