Partnership for Reading Success – Massachusetts (PRISM)

Is PRISM III Cohort 2 Right for You?

The Partnership for Reading Success – Massachusetts (PRISM) III grant is designed to support literacy achievement for students in **grades 4–12.** The grant provides funding and guidance to districts, collaboratives, and charter schools to evaluate, select, purchase, launch, and implement high-quality instructional materials (HQIM) for ELA/literacy in **grades 4-12**, so that students experience relevant, real-world literacy learning aligned with high expectations.

When deciding whether to apply to PRISM III, consider:

Does at least one school in my district, charter, or collaborative, have at least 50% identified low-income students (40% for high schools)?

Yes

You are eligible. Continue reading to find the track that that aligns to your needs.

No

You are not eligible for PRISM III.

My district, charter, or collaborative is interested in implementation support and already have HQIM for ELA/Literacy within the grade band I am applying for?

Yes

You are ready to apply for PRISM III Track 1.

No

Continue reading to explore additional PRISM III tracks to find the best fit for your needs.

Is my district, charter, or collaborative ready to engage in a comprehensive evaluation and selection process for ELA/Literacy HQIM for grades 4-12, **and** are we prepared to evaluate, select and purchase curricular materials in SY26-27 to implement in SY27-28?

Yes

You are ready to apply for PRISM III Track 2.

No

No matching track was found. Consider reviewing the criteria again or exploring alternative programs.

Assessing Your Readiness

1. My district, charter, or collaborative has already invested time and resources toward evidence-based, culturally and linguistically sustaining, and inclusive literacy practices.
2. We have support from all key stakeholders, including teachers, administrators, students, families, and the broader community on evidence-based literacy and we have the capacity to support this initiative.
3. We are committed to addressing and redressing literacy achievement disparities.

Applications are due by
5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 12, 2026
on GEM$, DESE's Grants Management System

Questions?
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for PRISM III (grades 4-12).