

Partnership for Reading Success – Massachusetts (PRISM)

PRISM II Grant Overview



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What is PRISM II?

The Partnership for Reading Success – Massachusetts (PRISM) II grant is part of Massachusetts' Literacy Launch initiative to promote and improve early literacy success for all students in **grades PreK–3**. The grant provides funding and guidance to districts, collaboratives, charter schools, and partner community-based preschools to evaluate, select, purchase, launch, and implement high-quality instructional materials (HQIM) for ELA/literacy in **grades PreK–3**, with the aim of increasing the number of students reading at or above grade level by the end of grade 3.

What Will Schools Get Funding For?


As outlined in the [RFP](#), PRISM II will offer two tracks (refer to the [RFP](#) and "Is PRISM Right for You" one-pager for details about tracks). With expert guidance from a DESE-approved PRISM Curriculum & Instruction Coach, participating schools will receive tailored support, including:

- HQIM evaluation, selection, purchase and implementation guidance
- Funds for purchase of HQIM materials
- Curriculum-embedded high-quality professional learning
- Stipends and/or substitutes so educators can participate in professional learning opportunities
- The option to create partnerships with community based preschool providers to align evidence-based early curriculum, instruction, and assessment across the community

Who is Eligible?

Public school districts, collaboratives, and charter schools are eligible to apply. All schools in the selected grade bands must participate, with a cap of 15 schools per applicant. Applicants with more than 15 schools must select up to 15 to participate. Eligible grade bands applicants may apply for include:

- PreK (only if high-quality Tier 1 ELA/literacy materials are used in K-3)
- PreK-2
- PreK-3
- K-2
- K-3



Applications are due by
5:00 pm on Monday, May 19
on GEM\$, DESE's Grants
Management System

Pending funding and successful
continuation, PRISM II is a 2-
year grant program and will run
from approximately
July 2025 – June 2027

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