Partnership for Reading Success – Massachusetts (PRISM)

PRISM II Cohort 2 Grant Overview

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 experiences and outcomes 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**, so that students experience relevant, real-world literacy learning aligned with high expectations.

What Will Schools Get Funding For?

As outlined in the RFP, PRISM II will offer two tracks (refer to the RFP and "Is PRISM II Right for You" one-pager for details about tracks). Depending on the awarded track, schools will receive tailored support, including:

- Purchase and adoption of high-quality instructional materials for ELA/Literacy for chosen grade bands
- Publisher and/or curriculum-embedded high-quality professional learning
- HQIM evaluation, selection, purchase and implementation guidance (Track 2 Only)
- Stipends for the Curriculum Council to lead the evaluation and selection work (Track 2 Only)
- Stipends and/or substitutes so educators can participate in professional learning opportunities (Track 2 Only)
- Customized coaching and technical assistance from a DESE-approved and selected PRISM Curriculum & Instruction Coach (Track 2 Only)

Program Participation Requirements

- Applicants may apply for PreK only, PreK–2, PreK–3, K–2, or K–3.
- Applicants proposing "PreK only" must demonstrate that high-quality instructional materials are currently in use for Tier 1 ELA/literacy instruction in grades K–3 at the time of application.
- All schools serving the selected grade band(s) must participate in the PRISM II program if awarded this grant, up to a cap of 15 participating schools per LEA. LEAs with more than 15 eligible schools may designate up to 15 schools to participate.
- LEAs including PreK must include all public PreK classrooms in participating schools; CPPI recipients must also include community-based preschool partners.

Applications are due by
5:00 pm on Monday, May 11th
on GEM$, DESE's Grants Management System

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