Partnership for Reading Success – Massachusetts (PRISM)

PRISM III Cohort 2 Grant Overview

What is PRISM III?

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, 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.

What Will Schools Get Funding For?

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

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

Who is Eligible?

PRISM III is funded through the federal Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) grant. To be eligible to apply, at least one school in your district, charter, or collaborative, has to serve at least 50% identified low-income students (40% for high schools).

If Eligible:

- Applicants can apply to focus on any grade band within the 4-12 range. Applicants selecting to focus on all grades with 4-12 must demonstrate capacity to support this initiative at such a large scale.
- All schools serving the identified grade band must participate in the PRISM III program if awarded this grant, up to a cap of 15 participating schools per applicant. For applicants with more than 15 schools serving grades 4-12, the district will select up to 15 schools to participate.

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

Pending funding, PRISM III is a 3-year grant program and will run from approximately **July 2026 – September 2029**

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