

ODE's Approved List of Research-Based Reading Instruction Programs

House Bill 555 requires the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to create an approved list of research-based reading instruction programs to support the teacher qualifications component of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee legislation.

Districts and community schools should review the list and determine which teachers completed any of the programs on the list. If teachers have completed one or more of the programs, then they have met the Third Grade Reading Guarantee requirement and will not have to use one of the other options. Once this is determined, ODE encourages districts and community schools to maintain at the district and community school level a list of those teachers, the programs they completed, and evidence of program completion.

Although, the teacher qualifications component of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee legislation only applies to third grade teachers in the 2013-2014 school year, ODE encourages districts and community schools to plan ahead by determining if teachers at grades K-2 meet the program qualifications as well.

ODE's Draft Approved List

The teacher of record providing reading instruction to students on a reading improvement and monitoring plan or students who are retained can meet the House Bill 555 teacher qualification requirement by having evidence of completion of one of the following programs:

- IMSLEC, ALTA, AOGPE, Wilson
- Reading Recovery
- TESOL Endorsement (applies only to the teacher of record for ELL students)
- Literacy Collaborative (coach and teacher)
- Literacy Specialist Endorsement

If districts, community schools or other entities believe they have another program that meets the criteria provided, a program submission form can be completed and submitted to ODE. Program submission forms must include evidence that shows how a program meets the criteria.

Those interested in submitting a program with evidence to ODE should complete the program submission form and send it to ThirdGradeGuarantee@education.ohio.gov. The deadline for submission is April 17, 2013.