

# 2025-2026 Literacy Grant: Information Guide



## Vision

It is a priority of Virginia that every child, no matter where they live or what type of school they attend, has a strong, coherent literacy education tailored toward their needs and led by a content-strong, effective teacher. Strong literacy practices and supports will ensure that every child has evidence-based daily literacy instruction, and in turn, will be prepared for their post-secondary hopes and dreams. In order to continue the momentum around evidence-based literacy instruction and ensure sustained, effective implementation for years to come, the VDOE aims to extend and expand literacy efforts in divisions and student groups with the most need. VDOE was awarded funding through the federal Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) grant to provide a coherent system of supports for both students and educators.

The Virginia Department of Education is pleased to announce both the 2025-2026 Literacy Grant (Year 1 Cohort Continuation) and 2025-2026 Literacy Grants (Year 2 Cohort) that will provide additional support and funding to ensure schools have **expanded structures, tools, capacity, resources, and service providers** to increase literacy growth and achievement for all students. VDOE is prioritizing three opportunities for this school year: family engagement literacy resources for birth through Kindergarten entry, the English Learner Literacy Network, and the Students with Disabilities Literacy Network.

## Overview of Division Supports

- **Family Engagement Literacy Resources for Birth through Kindergarten Entry:** Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten will receive student-tailored books and resources aligned to the skills each child needs and their classroom instruction.
- **English Learner Literacy Network:** School leadership teams and division leadership will participate in a network focused on strategies and tools tailored to meet the linguistic and academic needs of long-term English Learners (LTELs) and build a sustainable data-driven model for monitoring progress and informing instruction. Through virtual and in-person convenings, the network will address a tiered approach for division leaders and school leaders specifically emphasizing academic language.
- **Students with Disabilities Literacy Network:** School leadership teams and division leadership will participate in a network focused on how High Leverage Practices for students with disabilities can be utilized as a framework to identify areas of growth in collaboration, data-driven planning, and the delivery of consistent, explicit instruction and intervention. Through virtual and in-person convenings, participants will be able to use the tenets of Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) to adapt the content, methodology, or delivery of instruction to ensure learners have access to the general education curriculum to the extent appropriate for the individual student. Teams will learn how accommodations, modifications, interventions, and supports work together to help students with disabilities achieve the same academic standards as their peers.

## Application Funding

**2025-2026 Literacy Grant (Year 1 Cohort Continuation):** Divisions having participated in the 2024-2025 Literacy Grant, may apply for continuation of funds for the resources each school **received** during the 2024-2025 school year. Funding will be based on a tiered formula derived from division enrollment and student performance and support data. *The size distinctions are for the purposes of the Literacy Grant only and do not reflect division sizes used for other purposes.*

Selected Resource (per school)	Small Divisions (Enrollment of 0 – 5,000)	Medium Divisions (Enrollment of 5,000 – 20,000)	Large Divisions (Enrollment of 20,000+)
Family Engagement Literacy Resources for Birth through Kindergarten Entry	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$35,000
English Learner Literacy Network	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$75,000
Students with Disabilities Literacy Network	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$75,000

**2025-2026 Literacy Grant (Year 2 Cohort):** Divisions may apply for one or more resources for each school. Funding will be based on a tiered formula derived from division enrollment and student performance and support data. *The size distinctions are for the purposes of the Literacy Grant only and do not reflect division sizes used for other purposes.*

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**Disclaimer:** While the Virginia Department of Education is not currently aware of any disruption to this grant funding source, in the event the agency is made aware, we will communicate to school divisions or grant awardees as quickly as possible.

## Application Window (July 2-August 15, 2025)

For this grant cycle, all applications are to be submitted by no later than **Friday, August 15, 2025, 3 p.m.** The application should be submitted by one division-level employee and requires division point(s) of contact; acknowledgement of [general assurances](#), administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for federal awards (uniform guidance); and a programmatic overview summary.

- [2025-2026 Literacy Grant \(Year 1 Cohort Continuation Application\)](#)
- [2025-2026 Literacy Grants \(Year 2 Cohort Application\)](#)

Divisions should consider school capacity when selecting one or both networks based on the data, personnel, and needs of the schools. Divisions with high needs will be prioritized for this grant award. Applicants are highly encouraged to register to attend the 2025-2026 Literacy Grant Information Session, **July 2, 2025, 9-10 a.m.**

## Timeline

July 2, 2025	2025-2026 Literacy Grant Application Window Opens
July 2, 2025, 9-10 a.m.	2025-2026 Literacy Grant Information Session ( <a href="#">Registration Link</a> )
July 15, 2025, 9-10 a.m.	2025-2026 Literacy Grant Office Hours (Optional, <a href="#">Registration Link</a> )
July 22, 2025, 9-10 a.m.	2025-2026 Literacy Grant Office Hours (Optional, <a href="#">Registration Link</a> )
August 15, 2025, 3 p.m.	2025-2026 Literacy Grant Applications Due
Week of September 8, 2025	Grant status notification

## Questions

Questions can be emailed to [Dr. Michelle C. Wallace](#), Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, or [Dr. Angela Byrd-Wright](#), Director of Humanities. *If selected to receive funding*, assurances and budget template documentation should be emailed to [Instruction@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Instruction@doe.virginia.gov).