



Strong Foundations Math and Literacy Framework Development Grant

June 2022

Strong Foundations offers districts supports intended to get more 3rd graders to read on grade level

The **Math and Literacy Framework Grant**, a component of the broader Strong Foundations Grant Program, provides **foundational planning supports** aligned to research and the TEKS to help districts build the “**why**” behind instructional changes for all stakeholders.



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Strong Foundations Grant Program

The components must include:

- (1) use of high-quality instructional materials, curricula, and curricular tools;
- (2) use of aligned diagnostic and formative assessments;
- (3) aligned professional supports;
- (4) practices designed to ensure high-quality supports for students with disabilities;
- (5) evidence-based practices to increase and maintain parental engagement; and
- (6) measurement of fidelity of implementation of the program.



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The broader Strong Foundations Grant will support LEAs in key supports to get 3rd grade students reading on grade-level

Support Type:

Depending on the level of funds available, supports provided directly to districts can include:

Foundational
District Planning
Supports

Technical assistance to district leadership teams on literacy & math cognitive research & instructional materials best practices, extended school year scheduling, early childhood systems, and instructional leadership strategic planning

Critical
Implementation
Supports

Summer and year-long job-embedded training for district and school administrators, coaches and teachers aligned to evidence-based literacy & math curricular resources

Aligned
Resource
Subsidies

Additional funding for districts to subsidize the costs they may incur on resources aligned to these instructional changes, including printed material costs & digital material licensing fees, educator stipends, and parent engagement stipends.

Grant is one part of larger bundle

Strong Foundations Math/Literacy Framework Grant supports LEAs to increase alignment in curriculum and instruction

Districts use their **Literacy and Math Framework to...**








...draw stronger connections to new changes in **STAAR Redesign**

...enhance **professional development and coaching** supports

...evaluate alignment of curriculum and **instructional materials**

The goal of this grant is for LEAs to develop a content-specific framework, adopted by the district, aligned to the research of how kids learn and the TEKS

This grant will...

-  Support **collective learning process** focused on the research of how kids learn; learning supported by third party so all district staff can be active learners
-  Provide **change management** and **stakeholder engagement support** so district can effectively build buy-in and support learning across the district
-  Provide districts with **project management capacity** to manage process and support learning efforts
-  Give access to a suite of **exemplars** for districts to turn-key to fit their local context
-  Build groups of like-districts through **Communities or Practice** to share successes, challenges, and solutions throughout the process
-  Give **flexible funding** to support travel, stipends, or other expenses that support the process
-  Allow districts to receive **priority** for future TEA grants aligned to literacy and math supports

Strong Foundations Framework Grant Launch Timeline

TEA will run 2 application cycles to allow for district flexibility with the timeline.

Apply now!

- Summer Grant Application Opened June 22nd
- Grant application closes on July 29th and August 26th
 - Note: Applications will be processed and awarded after both grant close dates listed above so LEAs applying earlier may start work earlier. TEA will hold slots for LEAs applying to both deadlines.
- Additional application opportunities will be available this winter – stay tuned!

Learn more on the Strong Foundations TEA Website

<https://tinyurl.com/pvdjk87d>



Next Steps

- **Grant Webinars [Optional]:** District/campus staff may sign up for webinars covering details of grant
 - Date: July 11th; Registration: [Here](#)
- **District Panels [Optional]:** Sign up for District Panels to hear from districts already engaging in this work
 - Date: 7/14; Registration: [Here](#)
 - Date: 8/18; Registration: [Here](#)
- **Research Overview Series [Optional]:** Sign up for overview of research topics series aligned with STAAR Redesign to see if your district may want to explore further
 - Date: 7/18 ([Math](#)) and 7/19 ([RLA](#))
 - Date: 8/19 ([Math](#)) and 8/25 ([RLA](#))
- **TEA Consultation [Optional]:** District leaders may sign up for one 30-minute session with TEA [here](#) to help determine what application decision may be best based on local context
- **Apply to grant [Required]**
 - Open: June 22nd, 2022; Closing: July 29th *and* August 26th