

AT A GLANCE



Number of states with literacy policies:¹

Science of reading training beginning with K-4 teachers and elementary school administrators

34

Literacy coaching for ongoing, job-embedded support

26

Educator preparation program alignment with science of reading

42

Professional learning to improve reading instruction: State policies

States across the U.S. are pushing for improved literacy instruction grounded in scientific research on how children learn to read. Professional learning is key for these efforts to succeed and for students to improve.

As of summer 2024, more than half of states have statutes and regulations about literacy professional learning — a notable improvement from 10 years ago, but far from universal. The depth and breadth of those policies varies.

¹ tinyurl.com/4en3xbj6

² tinyurl.com/4bfssmm

Current trends in literacy professional learning:²



Majority of states focus on research on how children learn to read.



Fewer states focus on curriculum-based professional learning.

Who should be involved in literacy-focused professional learning?

- TEACHERS
- INTERVENTIONISTS
- COACHES
- CURRICULUM SPECIALISTS
- PARAPROFESSIONALS
- PRINCIPALS
- PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORS