



# Orange County Public Schools

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**To:** All Principals

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**Recipients:** Assistant Principals, All Instructional Staff

**Subject:** OCPS Created 40 Hour Reading Course Now Available

As per rule 6A–4.0051, F.A.C., designated certification areas must take an additional 40 hours in reading professional development for renewal or reinstatement starting with the validity date of July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2025. This rule applies to all instructional and administrative staff that hold certificates in the following areas:

- Reading - K-12
- Reading Endorsement
- English for Speakers of Other Languages ESOL & K-12
- Elementary Education - K-6
- Prekindergarten/Primary Education - age 3 through grade 3
- Elementary Education - grades 1-6
- Primary Education - grades K-3
- English - grades 1-6
- Middle Grades English - grades 5-9
- Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum grades 5-9
- English - 6-12

The requirement starts with certificates that have a beginning validity date of 7/1/2020, expiring 6/30/25. See the table below for more details.

Beginning Validity Date	Year that 40 Hours Must Be Completed By
2020	2025
2021	2026
2022	2027
2023	2028
2024	2029

This 40-hour requirement applies to all administrative and instructional staff, even if they are fully endorsed or certified in Reading.

OCPS’ Explicit, Systematic, and Sequential Approaches to Reading instruction is a self-paced course that meets the 40-hour certification requirement. This course is now available for enrollment. To enroll in the course, [click here](#).

The courses below also meet the certification requirement:

- Exploring Structured Literacy through FDLRS ([Click here](#) for more information)
- AIM Pathways to Proficient Reading ([Click here](#) for more information)



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Upon completion of this Canvas course, 40 points will be added to your in-service record and will be banked until they are needed to meet the state rule. Please see this [Certification and Endorsement document](#) that further outlines the requirements listed above.

For additional information or questions regarding the OCPS Reading Course, please contact Sabrina Mendez, Program Specialist: Interventions, at [Sabrina.Mendez@ocps.net](mailto:Sabrina.Mendez@ocps.net) or Jennifer McSparran, Senior Administrator: K-12 MTSS & Interventions, at [Jennifer.Mcsparran@ocps.net](mailto:Jennifer.Mcsparran@ocps.net).