

Early Literacy Curriculum Council (ELCC)

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

2023-2024 Early Literacy Curriculum Council Members | Amy McGovern (Chairperson), Holly Prast (Vice Chairperson), Katie Kasubaski (Secretary), Megan Dixon, Nancy Dressel, Kari Flitz, Itzel Galindo, Joe Garza, and Bill Hughes

Department of Public Instruction Staff: Dr. Jill Underly - State Superintendent of Public Instruction, John Johnson - Deputy State Superintendent; Thomas McCarthy - Deputy State Superintendent; Sachin Chheda - Executive Director of the Office of the State Superintendent, Laura Adams - Policy Initiatives Advisor, Tacara Lovings - Policy Initiatives Advisor, Kelly Behling - Executive Staff Assistant, Mary Jo Christiansen - Executive Staff Assistant, Tari Raatz - Asst Director of Instructional Technology Services

Virtual Meeting | See the [DPI Wisconsin Education Calendar](#) for the link to join the meeting

1. Call The Meeting to Order

2. Attendance

- a. Council Members
- b. DPI Staff

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approve February 6, 2024 and February 14, 2024 minutes.

5. DPI Updates

- a. Literacy Curricula Related Updates
- b. Director of the Office of Literacy Update
- c. ACT 20 Update

6. Office of Literacy Director

- a. Artifacts or other materials for ELCC to review

7. Early Literacy Curricula and Instructional Materials for 2024

- a. Clarification on 2024 list rubric
 - i. ELCC and Vendor rubrics comparison
- b. Discuss and possible action on schedule for next review process (deadline December 1, 2024)
 - i. April and May revisiting rubric and scoring
 1. Select a date to meet in person
 - ii. Set date to accept submissions for 2025 list
 1. Tentative vendor deadline June 1, 2024

8. Bylaws Update

- a. General bylaws grounding information
 - i. Subcommittee
 - ii. Request that Ben Jones or other DPI attorney assist
- b. Request DPI present sample bylaws at a future meeting
 - i. Exemplar [COLAND Bylaws](#) created under Wisconsin law

- ii. Other Councils created under [Chapter 15](#)

9. Council Updates

- a. DPI and Council relationship
- b. Future Meetings
 - i. April Meeting
 - ii. May Meeting
- c. Update on the Reading Advisory Council

10. Requests for Agenda Items

11. Adjournment

CHAPTER 15 - STRUCTURE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

[15.377 \(9\)](#) Council on Early Literacy Curricula

(a) **There is created in the department of public instruction** a council on early literacy curricula composed of 9 members who have knowledge of or experience with science-based early reading instruction, as defined in s. 118.015 (1c) (b), and literacy curricula for pupils in grades kindergarten to 3. The members of the council shall be appointed for staggered 3-year terms, as follows:

1. Three members appointed by the speaker of the assembly.
2. Three members appointed by the senate majority leader.
3. Three members appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction.

(b) An individual may not serve as a member of the council under this subsection if any of the following applies:

1. The individual has a financial interest in an entity that develops, sells, or markets a product to assess reading ability.
2. The individual has a financial interest in an entity that develops, sells, or markets a product specifically intended to be used to teach reading.
3. The individual has a financial interest in an entity that develops, sells, or markets a product to treat reading difficulties.

(c) For purposes of par. (b), “financial interest in an entity” includes all of the following:

1. A direct or indirect ownership interest in the entity.
 2. Receiving income from the entity during the 12 months preceding the consideration for appointment under par. (a).
- History: 1971 c. 152, 211, 292; 1973 c. 89, 220, 336; 1977 c. 29; 1979 c. 346, 347; 1985 a. 29, 177; 1987 a. 27; 1989 a. 31; 1993 a. 184, 399; 1995 a. 27 ss. 183 to 187, 9126 (19), 9145 (1); 1997 a. 27, 164, 298; 1999 a. 9, 100, 186; 2001 a. 57; 2005 a. 121; 2009 a. 302; 2023 a. 20; s. 35.17 correction in (9) (a) (intro.).

2023 WISCONSIN [ACT 20](#)

[118.015](#) **Reading instruction; early literacy curricula and instructional materials.**

(1) **PURPOSE AND INTENT.** It is the purpose and intent of this section to provide for a developmental reading program for pupils at all grade levels.

(1c) **DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

- (a) “Phonics” means the study of the relationships between sounds and words; this includes alphabetic principle, decoding, orthographic knowledge, encoding, and fluency.
- (b) “Science-based early reading instruction” means instruction that is systematic and explicit and consists of at least all of the following:

1. Phonological awareness, including word awareness, rhyme recognition, repetition and creation of alliteration, syllable counting or identification, onset, and rime manipulation.

[118.015\(1c\)\(b\)2.](#)

2. Phonemic awareness, including phoneme identification, isolation, blending, segmentation, addition, substitution,

and deletion.

3. Phonics.

4. Building background knowledge.

5. Oral language development.

6. Vocabulary building to develop lexical and morphological knowledge.

7. Instruction in writing.

8. Instruction in comprehension.

9. Reading fluency.

(c) “Three-cueing” means any model, including the model referred to as meaning, structure, and visual cues, or MSV, of teaching a pupil to read based on meaning, structure and syntax, and visual cues or memory.

(1m) EARLY LITERACY CURRICULA AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS.

(a) Beginning in the 2023-24 school year and annually thereafter, the council on early literacy curricula shall recommend to the department early literacy curricula and instructional materials for use in the following school year in grades kindergarten to 3. The council on early literacy curricula may recommend only early literacy curricula and instructional materials that satisfy the following criteria:

1. The curricula and instructional materials include all of the components of science-based early reading instruction.
2. The curricula and instructional materials do not include 3-cueing.