

K-12 Reading Endorsement Program – School District of Lee County

The Reading Endorsement program is an opportunity for teachers to obtain the latest information regarding effective research-based reading instruction to assist them in meeting increased student needs. There are **three options** teachers may select from to fulfill Reading Endorsement requirements.

Path #1 University Coursework

Selecting the university coursework path to obtain the Reading Endorsement will involve completion of 15 semester hours (5 classes) with content based upon scientifically based reading research.

Teaching experience and previous university courses may also apply towards the Reading Endorsement. One year of teaching reading equates to 3 semester hours. Up to 6 hours may be applied toward the endorsement based on teaching experience.

The state does not allow combining inservice credit with college credit when taking the university coursework path toward the Reading Endorsement.

*Teachers wishing to determine their status regarding college coursework will contact the [personnel specialist](#) assigned to the individual school to review transcripts.

Path #2 District Add-on Endorsement

The state-approved district inservice path to obtain the Reading Endorsement will involve **completion of 300 hours of inservice credit (5 courses)**. Courses are available on the Professional Development Management System (PDMS) for registration. <http://secure.leeschools.net/dept/curr/pdms/login.asp>

COMPETENCY	TITLE OF COMPETENCY	COURSES	HOURS
Competency #1:	Foundations in Language & Cognition	Reading Endorsement: Competency 1	60 hours
		OR	
		Intensive Reading / Strategies for Struggling Readers	
		OR	
		LANGUAGE! Curriculum Training & LANGUAGE! Follow-Up	
Competency #2:	Foundations of Research-Based Practices	Florida Online Reading Professional Development	60 hours
Competency #3:	Foundations of Assessment	Reading Endorsement: Competency 3	60 hours
		OR	
		Applied Data Analysis for Principals and Teachers (ADAPT) Online	
Competencies #4/5:	Foundations and Application of Differentiation Instruction	Reading Endorsement: Competencies 4/5	60 hours
		OR	
		Differentiating Instruction in the Regular Classroom Online	
Competency #6:	Demonstration of Accomplishment	Reading Endorsement: Competency 6	60 hours
			Total Points: 300

Previously taken university credit hours may be converted to inservice points as long as the reading coursework is aligned with the reading endorsement competencies and completed since 1998; please contact [Christine Busenbark](#).

Path #3 REESOL- Reading Endorsement for ESOL

Teachers who have completed the ESOL endorsement through completion of the 300 ESOL inservice or college credit ESOL endorsement may utilize this path. **REESOL** includes the following components:

Original Inservice Points Earned through the ESOL Endorsement correlating with the Reading Endorsement	80 hours
REESOL Bundle Inservice Training	100 hours
Florida Online Reading Professional Development (FOR-PD) online course	60 hours
Reading Endorsement Competency #6	60 hours
	Total Points: 300

Please contact [Christine Busenbark](#) at 461-8429 for questions regarding the Reading Endorsement.