

What is Real-time Early Access to Literacy?

Real-time Early Access to Literacy (REAL) provides individualized support for students in pre-K through grade 3 to make progress in their literacy development. REAL provides devices, connectivity, and tutoring services to eligible students in pre-K through grade 3.

How is the program funded?

The REAL Program is funded by a federal grant, [Education Stabilization Fund Rethinking Education Models \(ESF-REM\)](#). The grant provides approximately \$17 million total to Louisiana over the course of three years to improve early literacy outcomes across the state.

School systems receive funding to establish literacy tutoring microgrant accounts for eligible students. Families can browse services in the [LDOE Tutoring Service Provider Guide](#).

Who provides the tutoring services?

[Tutoring Service Providers \(TSPs\)](#) undergo a rigorous vetting process by the Louisiana Department of Education. TSPs submit an application to outline their qualifications, communication plan, and more. Approved TSPs are committed to working with families and aligning their services to the [high quality curriculum](#) implemented in Louisiana schools.

To learn more about becoming a REAL Tutoring Service Provider access the [Request for Applications](#).

Which students are eligible for REAL?

Eligibility is prioritized for economically disadvantaged pre-K through grade 3 students enrolled in schools receiving [academic intervention](#).

How do families enroll their child/ren in REAL services?

School systems and approved Tutoring Service Providers will work together to enroll eligible students through the following process:

1. Eligible families receive registration information from their school system.
2. Families choose from a library of qualified Tutoring Service Providers by completing a registration link for their preferred provider.
3. Providers submit interested students' registration submissions to the school system for eligibility verification.
4. School systems verify eligibility and finalize enrollment into the program by designating \$500 microgrants per eligible student during each tutoring cycle.
5. Upon completion of the eligibility verification, the Tutoring Service Provider will contact the family to schedule tutoring sessions.

How can I learn more about REAL?

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