

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS)

Reading Endorsement Add-On Certification 2014-2019

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State Board of Education approved Broward County Public Schools' add-on Reading Endorsement Plan to be in effect from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2019. All participants seeking endorsement must complete all courses within this time period. The Reading Endorsement program is offered exclusively online and it reflects the newly adopted competencies and indicators approved by the State in September 2011 and implemented in August 2012.

Reading Endorsement Guiding Principles

Teachers will understand and teach reading as an ongoing strategic process resulting in students comprehending diverse text. Teachers will understand how writing, listening, and speaking support the teaching of reading, and how family involvement supports student achievement in reading. Teachers will understand that all students have instructional needs and apply the systematic problem solving process: use data to accurately identify a problem, analyze the problem to determine why it is occurring, design and implement instruction/interventions, and evaluate the effectiveness of instruction/interventions. Teachers will understand that the problem solving process is recursive and ongoing, utilized for effective instructional decision-making.

Broward County Public Schools Reading Endorsement Five Competencies

- **Competency 1: Foundations of Literacy – 60 hours:**

Teachers will develop substantive understanding of six components of reading as a process: oral language, phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary.

- **Competency 2: Application of Research-Based Literacy Practices – 60 hours:**

Teachers will scaffold student learning by applying the principles of research-based reading instruction and integrating the six components of reading. Teachers will engage in the systematic problem solving process.

- **Competency 3: Foundations of Literacy Assessment -- 60 hours:**

Teachers will understand how to select and administer appropriate assessments and analyze data to inform reading instruction to meet the needs of all students. Teachers will engage in the systematic problem solving process.

- **Competency 4: Foundations and Applications of Differentiated Instruction – 60 hours:**

Teachers will have a broad knowledge of students from differing profiles in order to understand and apply research-based instructional practices by differentiating process, product, and context. Teachers will engage in the systematic problem solving process.

- **Competency 5: Demonstration of Accomplishment -- 60 hours:**

Teachers will, through a culminating practicum, demonstrate knowledge of the Components of reading, as well as assessments and data analysis, to implement a comprehensive research-based reading plan of instruction for all students. Teachers will engage in the systematic problem solving process.

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I register for Reading Endorsement Courses?

All Broward County Public Schools' Reading Endorsement Courses are offered exclusive online through Broward Virtual University (BVU). Course name and calendars are available through <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/talentdevelopment/html/endorsements.html> and registration for those courses is through www.broward.mylearningplan.com, click on BVU and Public Search.

2. Is there a tuition charge or registration fee for the Broward Reading Endorsement Courses?

No. However, participants will be responsible to purchase course materials per course requirements. Note that each year in early February there is an opportunity to apply for tuition reimbursement for the cost of books and other related study materials for Reading endorsement courses taken during the following school year.

3. Do I have to complete the Reading Endorsement Courses in order?

It is strongly recommended that courses for competency 1 through 4 are completed in order as each competency builds on the other. However, Competency 5 must be taken last.

4. When can I register for Competency 5, Practicum and Observations?

Reading Endorsement Competencies 1 to 4 must be completed and reflected on participant's inservice report prior to registering for Competency 5 (Demonstration of Accomplished Practices). Participants will not be allowed to register for Competency 5 without proof of completed courses showing on their inservice report.

5. How do I add Reading Endorsement to my teaching certificate?

Participants will complete all endorsement application requirements through the school district certification office. Below are steps to apply for Reading Endorsement.

1. Check your Inservice Report to ensure that Competencies 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 for the Reading Endorsement are showing on your Inservice Report. Each competency must be worth 60 points for a total of 300 points.
2. Download the State Application for Additions/Duplicates/Name Changes from the certification website at <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/certification/Forms.html>.
3. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and select the PAY ONLINE button to pay the \$75 Certification Add-on fee using your Visa, American Express, or MasterCard. Print the payment confirmation.
4. Attach the payment confirmation to your completed application and forward to the district Certification office for priority processing. Do **NOT** mail your application to the Department of Education.
5. Incomplete applications will not be processed - be sure all points are appearing in your inservice record.
6. For more information, email Certification Requests via CAB or visit browardschools.com/certification.

6. Who should I contact for guidance to complete my Reading Endorsement?

The main contact person at each school for Reading Endorsement is the Literacy Coach and/or Administrator assigned to Reading.