



STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.  
State Superintendent of Education

April 28, 2026

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

**FROM:** Eric G. Mackey *EGM*  
State Superintendent of Education

**RE:** Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Supporting Struggling Readers Beyond Grade 3  
Implementation Grant Allocations

In support of literacy attainment, achievement, and acceleration for struggling readers beyond Grade 3, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), through the Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI), is awarding allocations for the grant titled Supporting Struggling Readers Beyond Grade 3 Implementation. This grant opportunity was originally released via a [memorandum](#) dated January 13, 2026.

This grant opportunity aligns with the structures and supports outlined in the *Alabama Literacy Act* and is intended to strengthen ongoing prevention and intervention efforts for students beyond Grade 3 by enhancing existing systems and practices that improve literacy outcomes. Priority for funding has been given to projects and programs that directly support struggling readers in Grades 4 and 5.

Prior to finalizing plans for the use of allocated funds, local education agencies (LEAs) should review the [Beyond Grade 3 Grant Guidance](#) document for parameters associated with grant implementation and allowable expenditures. Funds for the Supporting Struggling Readers Beyond Grade 3 Implementation Grant are provided through Fund Source Code 1775. Funds will be disbursed in May 2026, and all funds must be expended by May 31, 2027.

The ARI Beyond Grade 3 Peer Coaching Cohort 2 will be announced and funds will be allocated in a separate memorandum.

For additional information or questions, please contact Mrs. Misty Wilson, ARI Education Specialist, Beyond Grade 3, by telephone at (334) 694-4637 or via email at [misty.wilson@alsde.edu](mailto:misty.wilson@alsde.edu).

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Attachment

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## 2025-2026 Beyond Grade 3 Implementation Grant Allocations (Fund Source 1775)

LEA Code	LEA Name	Struggling Readers Beyond Grade 3 Allocation Amount
001	Autauga County School System	\$30,000
002	Baldwin County School System	\$30,000
004	Bibb County School System	\$30,000
005	Blount County School System	\$10,000
008	Calhoun County School System	\$30,000
009	Chambers County School System	\$30,000
011	Chilton County School System	\$20,000
012	Choctaw County School System	\$30,000
013	Clarke County School System	\$30,000
017	Colbert County School System	\$30,000
018	Conecuh County School System	\$30,000
019	Coosa County School System	\$30,000
021	Crenshaw County School System	\$30,000
022	Cullman County School System	\$30,000
023	Dale County School System	\$30,000
024	Dallas County School System	\$30,000
025	DeKalb County School System	\$30,000
027	Escambia County School System	\$30,000
028	Etowah County School System	\$30,000
030	Franklin County School System	\$30,000
031	Geneva County School System	\$30,000
032	Greene County School System	\$30,000
033	Hale County School System	\$30,000
034	Henry County School System	\$30,000
035	Houston County School System	\$30,000
036	Jackson County School System	\$30,000
037	Jefferson County School System	\$30,000
039	Lauderdale County School System	\$30,000
040	Lawrence County School System	\$30,000
041	Lee County School System	\$30,000
042	Limestone County School System	\$30,000
044	Macon County School System	\$30,000
045	Madison County School System	\$30,000
046	Marengo County School System	\$30,000
047	Marion County School System	\$30,000
048	Marshall County School System	\$30,000
049	Mobile County School System	\$30,000
050	Monroe County School System	\$30,000
051	Montgomery County School System	\$30,000
052	Morgan County School System	\$30,000
053	Perry County School System	\$30,000
054	Pickens County School System	\$30,000

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LEA Code	LEA Name	Struggling Readers Beyond Grade 3 Allocation Amount
055	Pike County School System	\$30,000
056	Randolph County School System	\$30,000
058	St. Clair County School System	\$30,000
059	Shelby County School System	\$30,000
060	Sumter County School System	\$30,000
061	Talladega County School System	\$30,000
062	Tallapoosa County School System	\$30,000
063	Tuscaloosa County School System	\$30,000
064	Walker County School System	\$30,000
065	Washington County School System	\$30,000
066	Wilcox County School System	\$30,000
067	Winston County School System	\$30,000
103	Alabaster City School System	\$30,000
104	Andalusia City School System	\$30,000
106	Arab City School System	\$30,000
107	Athens City School System	\$30,000
110	Auburn City School System	\$30,000
113	Bessemer City School System	\$30,000
114	Birmingham City School System	\$30,000
116	Brewton City School System	\$20,000
125	Cullman City School System	\$30,000
127	Decatur City School System	\$30,000
130	Dothan City School System	\$30,000
131	Elba City School System	\$30,000
132	Enterprise City School System	\$30,000
133	Eufaula City School System	\$30,000
137	Fairfield City School System	\$20,000
141	Florence City School System	\$30,000
143	Fort Payne City School System	\$30,000
144	Gadsden City School System	\$30,000
152	Gulf Shores City School System	\$30,000
154	Guntersville City School System	\$30,000
155	Haleyville City School System	\$30,000
156	Hartselle City School System	\$30,000
157	Homewood City School System	\$30,000
158	Hoover City School System	\$30,000
159	Huntsville City School System	\$30,000
162	Jacksonville City School System	\$20,000
163	Jasper City School System	\$20,000
167	Leeds City School System	\$30,000
171	Midfield City School System	\$30,000
175	Mountain Brook City School System	\$30,000

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176	Muscle Shoals City School System	\$30,000
177	Pelham City School System	\$30,000
178	Oneonta City School System	\$30,000
179	Opelika City School System	\$30,000
180	Opp City School System	\$30,000
181	Oxford City School System	\$30,000
182	Ozark City School System	\$30,000
183	Pell City School System	\$30,000
184	Phenix City School System	\$30,000
185	Piedmont City School System	\$30,000
186	Pike Road City School System	\$30,000
187	Saraland City School System	\$30,000
188	Roanoke City School System	\$30,000
189	Russellville City School System	\$30,000
190	Scottsboro City School System	\$30,000
192	Sheffield City School System	\$10,000
193	Sylacauga City School System	\$30,000
194	Talladega City School System	\$30,000
195	Tallassee City School System	\$20,000
196	Satsuma City School System	\$30,000
197	Tarrant City School System	\$30,000
198	Thomasville City School System	\$30,000
199	Troy City School System	\$30,000
200	Tuscaloosa City School System	\$30,000
201	Tuscumbia City School System	\$30,000
202	Vestavia Hills City School System	\$30,000
204	Winfield City School System	\$30,000
205	Trussville City School System	\$30,000
801	University Charter School	\$30,000
802	LEAD Academy	\$30,000
805	i3 Academy	\$30,000
807	LIFE Academy	\$30,000
808	Breakthrough Charter School	\$30,000
809	Ivy Classical Academy	\$30,000
811	Empower Schools of Alabama	\$30,000
813	Covenant Academy of Mobile	\$30,000
815	Freedom Prep Academy	\$30,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,530,000</b>

\*Systems that did not submit were contacted for additional opportunities to apply for the grant. All districts that applied for a grant were able to receive funding. If the dollar amount is lower than \$30,000, it is due to the amount requested by the district.