

# Mission Possible: A Sustainable Solution to Kansas' Literacy Crisis

To equip educators with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to effectively teach Structured Literacy, ensuring all students develop strong reading and writing abilities. With nearly 45,000 educators across the state, access to high-quality professional learning is essential to equip teachers with the knowledge and tools necessary to implement Structured Literacy.

## Kansas Department of Education

PREK-12 Schools & Districts

- Award Seal of Literacy
- Approve training programs for Seal of Literacy
- District and Higher Education Accreditation

### At no cost to Districts or Educators:

- Support School and District Literacy Coaches, Reading Specialists, and Instructional Coaches
- Provide Access to Professional Learning Opportunities
- Family Literacy Resources
- Provide Coaching and support for educators
- Provide training to paraeducators and administrators
- Provide Student Assessments and Evaluations
- Research and Develop free materials and resources for educators
- Provide Regional Access to Professional Learning and supports at district or personal cost

## Kansas Board of Regents

Universities, Community Colleges, and Key Partners

## Service Centers & Private Organizations



Kansas Blueprint for Literacy

✧ Teach Every Child to Read ✧

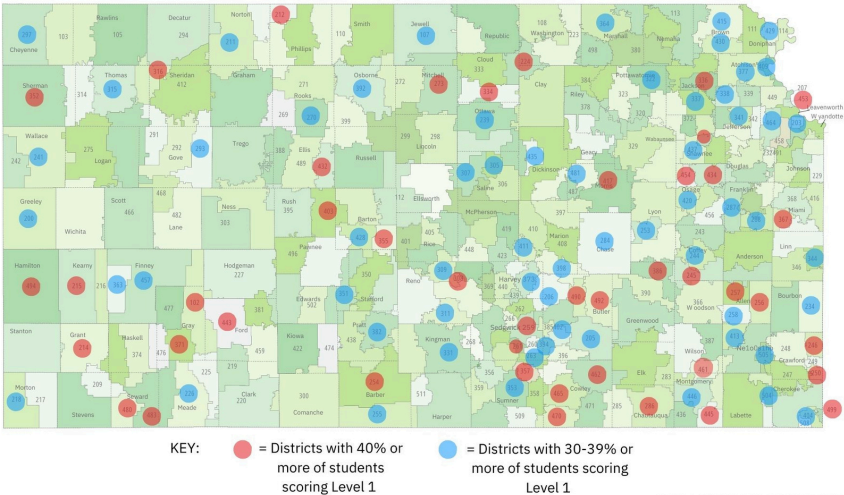
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# Kansas Blueprint For Literacy

## 5 Year Trend

Kansas State 3rd Grade ELA Assessment Scores				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
2019	29.45%	33.95%	27.86%	8.72%
2021	30.30%	34.52%	27.09%	8.07%
2022	33.94%	33.95%	24.52%	7.57%
2023	32.89%	33.91%	24.99%	8.18%
2024	32.77%	33.67%	25.28	8.27%
source KSDE; statewide percent of students scoring at each level				

USD Locations: 3rd graders that scored  
Level 1 - “Below Basic”  
2023 ELA State Assessment



Data Source: Kansas Department of Education; 2025

## Workforce Development/Training

Training Needs	Kansas Dept. Of Education	Completed Blueprint Milestones	Upcoming Blueprint Education and Training	Benchmarks & Progress
<p>19,000 Elementary Educators</p> <p>26,000 Secondary Educators</p> <p><b>45,000 total educators</b> in Kansas need Structured Literacy Professional Learning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2021: 15 million dollars allocated for LETRS training to build teacher knowledge</li><li>As of Jan. 2025: 3,208 teachers have completed LETRS</li><li>9,743 Educators currently enrolled in LETRS for 2025</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Implemented Structured Literacy undergraduate courses within Educator Preparation Programs</li><li>Developed Graduate Courses/In-Service Teacher Training Course, Foundations of the Science of Reading: Part 1 and Part 2 (6 credit hours)</li><li>Implementing Statewide Literacy Needs Assessment</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pilot In-Service Teacher Training</li><li>Launch course, train, and coach 1,500 teachers a year</li><li>Coaching and Resource support to districts with 40% or more of children scoring Level 1 (below grade level)</li><li>Course Alignment Review for Educator Preparation Programs</li><li>Implement Paraeducator Structured Literacy Training</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3% Increase in Student Achievement in Literacy Annually</li><li>1,069 undergraduate students completed Science of Reading courses</li><li>88% Pass Rate for Teacher Candidates on Praxis 7002</li></ul>