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# Leadership *for* Excellence *in* Literacy

Professional Development for K-12 School  
Administrators and Leadership Teams

*and*

# LETRS

Professional Development for K-3 Teachers  
and Other School Instructional Team Members

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE

- North MS Education Consortium,
- Delta Area Association for the Improvement of Schools,
- East MS Center for Educational Development,
- Southwest MS Education Consortium,
- Southern-Regional Educational Service Agency, and the
- Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium.



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# LEADERSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN LITERACY

The Leadership for Excellence in Literacy Institute is designed to help principals and school leaders to be effective instructional leaders in this crucial area of literacy. The aim is not to turn the principal into an expert, but rather to enable the principal to recognize the key elements of best practice in the field of literacy. In this unit we will discuss how principals play a major leadership role in ensuring that literacy is highly valued in the entire school community.

As instructional leaders, principals must become more conversant with the essentials of teaching literacy, learn to recognize best practices including an understanding of their own reading delivery system, and assess the quality of instruction by engaging in conversations with students and looking at their work.

Also included in this unit is instruction to enable the participant to recognize the key features of effective safety net programs in literacy, so that he or she can exercise leadership, if necessary, in the development of effective safety nets to ensure that all students are literate, no matter what level of literacy they had when they entered that principal's school.

Each participant will be engaged in learning about the latest research on literacy approaches for young children with application to struggling readers in middle and high schools. They will also be engaged in discussions of several major reading assessments to strengthen their understanding about the range of literacy expectations of students. Some key questions we will address in the institute are:

*Why is it essential that all students achieve a high level of literacy?*

*How can a principal create common high expectations for all students?*

*How should a principal allocate resources to address struggling readers?*

*What is the principal's role in leading, supporting, and assessing literacy?*

*What are the main characteristics and benefits of effective classroom organizations for successful literacy instruction?*

We are approved from the Mississippi Department of Education for each participant that successfully completes the Leadership for Excellence in Literacy Institute receive 20 SEMI credits for recertification purposes or 2 CEUs.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Principals
- Assistant Principals
- Superintendents
- District Level Administrators
- Lead Teachers
- Literacy Coaches
- Reading Specialists

Please register in teams of at least 4 individuals per district.

## DATES AND LOCATIONS

### Leadership For Excellence in Literacy Institutes

#### Delta Area Association for the Improvement of Schools

June 3-4 and June 28 – Canton  
June 28-29 and July 12 – Grenada  
July 8-9 and July 29 – Cleveland  
August 23-24 and September 8 – Cleveland  
September 13-14 and September 23 – Cleveland

#### East MS Center for Educational Development

June 28-29 and July 28 – Meridian  
July 6-7 and August 18 – Rankin County  
August 16-17 and September 16 – Lowndes  
September 8-9 and September 20 – Meridian

#### Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium

June 10-11 and August 16 – Pass Christian  
June 28-29 and August 17 – Ocean Springs  
July 15-17 and August 19 – Harrison County  
July 22-23 and August 18 – Poplarville  
July 26-27 and August 20 – Gulfport

#### North MS Education Consortium

June 1-2 and June 29 – Tupelo  
June 23-24 and July 9 – Booneville  
July 22-23 and August 16 – Oxford  
August 24-25 and September 8 – Senatobia  
September 1-2 and September 14 – DeSoto

#### Southern-Regional Educational Service Agency

June 7-8 and July 9 – Brookhaven  
June 9-10 and June 30 – Purvis  
June 17-18 and July 8 – Byram  
June 30-July 1 and July 22 – Laurel  
July 15-16 and August 10 – Natchez

#### Southwest MS Education Consortium

July 22-23 and August 25 – Jackson  
July 28-29 and August 20 – Jackson  
August 18-19 and September 13 – Jackson  
August 26-27 and September 14 – Jackson  
September 15-16 and September 23 – Jackson

## WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND?

To gain new knowledge and to participate in discussion centered on the latest research and strategies to improve literacy education for all students.

# LETRS

Teachers - not programs - teach children to read. *LETRS Foundations* is a teacher's first step in gaining essential knowledge about effective teaching of reading.

*LETRS Foundations* introduces educators to the concepts and practices supported by reading science. It also prepares teachers for the more rigorous, in-depth modules of the overall *LETRS* professional development program.

Crafted for the adult learner, this module addresses the differences between good and poor readers; aspects of language that are important for literacy; the components of effective instruction; principles of systematic, explicit instruction in each component; and instructional activities that can support the implementation of any comprehensive core program.

*LETRS Foundations* is full of engaging activities, exercises for practice and review, and explicit connections to the classroom. Selected videos from Teaching Reading Essentials reinforce and support the lessons in the program.

Please join us for this 4-day intensive training on *LETRS Foundations*! Each participant will be eligible for 2.4 CEUs. We are requesting that schools sign up teams of at least 3 individuals per team.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- K-3 Teachers
- Literacy Coaches
- Interventionists
- Lead Teachers
- Principals

## DATES AND LOCATIONS

### LETRS

May 25-28 – Harrison County  
June 1-4 – Greenwood  
June 7-10 – Rankin / Brandon, Sumrall & New Augusta  
July 12-15 – Jackson, McComb & Picayune  
July 19-22 – Oxford (3 sessions) & Grenada  
August 2-5 – Jackson  
August 9-12 – Meridian  
August 30- September 2 – Lowndes Co., Bay-Waveland & Jackson  
August 31- September 3 – Canton

## TO REGISTER

Register online at your location regional service center at their respective website.

#### North MS Education Consortium

[www.nmec.net](http://www.nmec.net)

#### Delta Area Association for the Improvement of Schools

[www.daais.org](http://www.daais.org) and [www.nmec.net](http://www.nmec.net)

#### East MS Center for Educational Development

[www.emced.org](http://www.emced.org)

#### Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium

[www.gceic.org](http://www.gceic.org)

#### Southwest MS Education Consortium

[www.jsums.edu/cll](http://www.jsums.edu/cll)

#### Southern-Regional Educational Service Agency

[www.s-resa.org](http://www.s-resa.org)