

# Texas Reading Academies

## House Bill 3

Per House Bill 3 (HB 3), passed by the 86th Texas Legislature in June of 2019, all kindergarten through third grade teachers and principals must attend a "teacher literacy achievement academy" by the 2021 - 2022 school year. House Bill 3 was updated by the 87th Texas Legislature in June 2021. It now states that all kindergarten through third grade teachers and principals must attend a "teacher literacy achievement academy" by the end of the 2022 - 2023 school year.

## HB3 and EPISD Required Educators

**K-3 Teachers, including Special Education Teachers**  
**Elementary and PK-8 Principals and Assistant Principals**  
Elementary and PK-8 Campus Teaching Coaches  
Elementary and PK-8 Reading Specialists  
Elementary and PK-8 Reading Interventionists

The 12-month professional development course grounded in the Science of Teaching Reading will positively impact student learning and professional development for teachers and administrators. The content presented in the 12-month course will build capacity at each EPISD elementary and K-8 campus with high-quality, effective literacy instructional strategies and practices to support student success.

## 12-Reading Academies Modules / Topics

1. Introduction the Texas Reading Academies	7. Pre-Reading Skills
2. The Science of Teaching Reading	8. Decoding, Encoding, and Word Study
3. Establishing a Literacy Community	9. Reading Fluency
4. Using Assessment Data to Inform Instruction	10. Reading Comprehension
5. Oral Language and Vocabulary	11. Written Composition
6. Phonological Awareness	12. Putting It All Together

## EPISD Reading Academies Rollout Plan

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 and Beyond
2020 – 2021	2021 – 2022	2022 – 2023	2023 –
Principals Assistant Principals Campus Coaches Reading Specialists	Kindergarten Teachers First Grad Teachers SPED Teachers: Resource/Inclusion	Second Grade Teachers Third Grade Teachers SPED Teachers	New to EPISD New to Teaching

Years 1 – 3, EPISD opted for the Blended Model for teachers. The Blended module is an online course.

Year 4 and Beyond, all Texas teachers will enroll in the Comprehensive Model, requiring face-to-face professional development and coaching.

Helpful Links:

[HB3 Reading Academies Overview and FAQs](#)  
[Reading Academies Searchable Database](#)