Section 35m Early Literacy Intervention Materials and Series (PK-5) Rankings List

Section 35m of the FY 2025 state School Aid Act provides $87 million to Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to create a Committee for Literacy Achievement (CLA) and to allocate funding based on a rankings list of literacy tools and strategies as recommended by the CLA, with the goal of increasing student academic outcomes in the area of literacy.

The CLA has critically evaluated these literacy tools and strategies using three categories: 1) literacy series and materials, 2) professional development, and 3) tools and services submitted via a Request for Submissions process to make recommendations for a grade tier rankings list.

These evaluations resulted in three rankings lists: Early Literacy Tier 1 Curriculum, Early Literacy Interventions, and Professional Development, and used the rankings list as the basis for how funding is allocated to districts and intermediate districts. Districts will apply for funding for one literacy item from one of the ranking lists.

Michigan's review process critically evaluated Early Literacy Intervention Materials (PK-5) using a two-phase rubric. Phase 1 consisted of Indicator 1: Intervention Materials Alignment to Established Criteria and addressed four non-negotiable categories. Phase 2 consisted of Indicator 2: Student Outcomes and Indicator 3: Program Components (Tools and Services). Indicator 2 included the NCII Academic Intervention Rating Rubric results and the ESSA Level Evidence worksheet. Indicator 3 included general program components, such as instructional and procedural routines, scope and sequence, within-program assessments, English Language Learner supports, intervention group guidance, home supports, and teacher supports. Each phase is further divided into detailed indicators for a thorough review.

This comprehensive review examined the alignment of early literacy intervention materials and series with identified established criteria, emphasizing evidence-based practices grounded the science of reading and instructional strategies shown to improve student outcomes. Below is the rankings list of all early literacy intervention materials

and series (PK-5) that met the criteria to receive Section 35m funding. The ranking order and a link to the consensus scoring document is also included.

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Rankings Order	Materials/Series Name	Consensus Scoring Documents
1	Story Champs 2.0/Publication Year 2018	Story Champs 2.0 Consensus Scoring Document
2	Read 180/Publication Year 2023	Read 180 Consensus Scoring Document
3	95 RAP, Version 1.14.1 and later/Publication Year 2021	95 RAP Consensus Scoring Document
4	REWARDS Intermediate, Second Edition/Copyright 2014	REWARDS Intermediate Consensus Scoring Document