
EARLY INTERVENTION READING INITIATIVE

Superintendent's Certification for School Year 2001-2002

This form needs to be returned to the Department no later than July 3, 2001

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This division plans to participate in the Early Intervention Reading Initiative and will ensure that the following conditions are met during the implementation of the Initiative:

1. The required local match has been met to qualify for funding in kindergarten through third grade for 2001-2002.
2. The state diagnostic tool (PALS) will be administered to all children in kindergarten through third grade in the fall.
3. All of the children identified by the diagnostic tools will be served.
4. The children served will be provided instruction on individual skills that are below the fall benchmarks as indicated by the diagnostic tool. This instruction should take place during time that is **additional to the regular classroom reading time**. (This may be during the school day, or outside of the school day.) Funding is based on the cost of providing two and one-half hours of additional instruction each week and a student-to-teacher ratio of five-to-one.
5. The state diagnostic tool (PALS) or a local diagnostic test approved by the department will be administered to all children receiving services in kindergarten through third grade in spring 2002.
6. Both fall and spring screening results will be reported to the PALS office at UVA.
7. Each school in the division will develop an intervention plan for students in kindergarten through third grade who do not meet the fall benchmark on PALS or its equivalent. The plan will specify the number of hours of intervention, the skills to be targeted, and who provides the services.

_____ Yes, my division plans to implement this initiative for the 2001-2002 school year.

_____ No, my division does not want to implement this initiative for the 2001-2002 school year.

I hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Division Superintendent

Date

School Division