

TEXAS READING ACADEMIES



Exciting Changes for Year 3

Year 3 brings exciting adjustments to the Texas Reading Academies that will make them **more flexible, efficient, and effective**. (See the Texas Education Agency's summary of changes at <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/reading-academies-year-3-updates.pdf>).

The Meadows Center for Preventing Educational Risk (MCPER) is delighted to continue as a Texas Reading Academies authorized provider (AP), helping to meet the needs of our partnering local education agencies (LEA) and their learners. New expectations for LEAs have implications for MCPER's roles, responsibilities, and services. Though we hope to continue to partner with you, we understand that you may need something different and are happy to connect you with other APs.

Enhanced LEA Expectations and AP Assurances

APs work with LEAs to ensure that all participants have adequate support to complete the Texas Reading Academies, including at least one of the following:

- Built-in time, with adequate hours for completion, during contracted hours
- Stipends for hours required to complete academies outside of contracted time

Greater Oversight for Performance Management

APs are expected to meet monthly formative and summative performance metrics and, in turn, will require both learners and their LEAs to agree to do the following:

- Adhere to pacing requirements and submission deadlines established
- Demonstrate collegiality and professionalism

What LEAs Need to Know

- Enrollment deadlines are pushed back to allow better planning and identification of learners and their pathways.
- MCPER will not launch a cohort prior to August 2022.
- Local implementation cohorts can launch in the month of their choosing.

Questions?

MCPER is awaiting further clarification from the Texas Education Agency. Until that time, please schedule a one-on-one conversation about Year 3 of the Texas Reading Academies by contacting Colleen Reutebuch at ckreutebuch@austin.utexas.edu.