

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>January 23, 2020</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Reading Academies Pilot</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>Early Childhood Education</b>
<b>NEXT STEPS:</b>	<b>Apply for Reading Academies Pilot – Please Share with Appropriate District Staff</b>

The Texas Education Agency (TEA or agency) seeks reading experts and practitioners to participate in and provide feedback on draft Reading Academies modules prior to full implementation in the summer of 2020. The valuable feedback from pilot participants on the content, quality, and usability of Reading Academies modules is critical to ensuring that the agency can provide high quality professional development statewide.

Participants will get:

- Access to the draft Reading Academies modules at no cost (including digital and/or interactive tools) through an LMS
- The opportunity to review, edit and evaluate the early Reading Academies prototype materials and influence the final statewide product offered to all K-3 Texas teachers and principals
- Free coaching and professional learning to support the content provided

Candidates must also be willing to take on the time commitment for the 8-week pilot. The anticipated time commitment is as follows:

<b>Review and Editing Activity</b>	<b>Cadence</b>	<b>Estimated Time</b>
Pilot orientation	1 time during pilot	1 hour
Review session	2 times per week	2 hours per week, 16 hours total
Academies materials feedback surveys	1 time per week	30 minutes per week, 4 hours total
Implementation and Professional Learning Survey	2 times during pilot	1 hour per survey, 2 hours total
60-minute virtual Review and Editing focus group	2 times during pilot	1 hour per group, 2 hours total
Artifact Completion	2 times during pilot	1 hour per artifact, 2 hours total
90-minute post-pilot debrief and feedback and evaluation session	1 times during pilot	90 minutes overall, 1.5 hours total
Additional evaluation	As needed	~1.5 hours
<b>Total</b>		<b>~30 hours total</b>

Candidates will be evaluated based on interest, experience, and content knowledge. Applications will be approved on a rolling basis, though candidates should apply by February 6, 2020 for priority consideration.

If you are interested in participating in the pilot, [complete this application](#).

For up-to-date information regarding reading practices, please visit [www.tea.texas.gov/reading](http://www.tea.texas.gov/reading). Please contact TEA with questions via email at [reading@tea.texas.gov](mailto:reading@tea.texas.gov).