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WHAT'S NEXT FOR
ADVOCACY – AUGUST 2026

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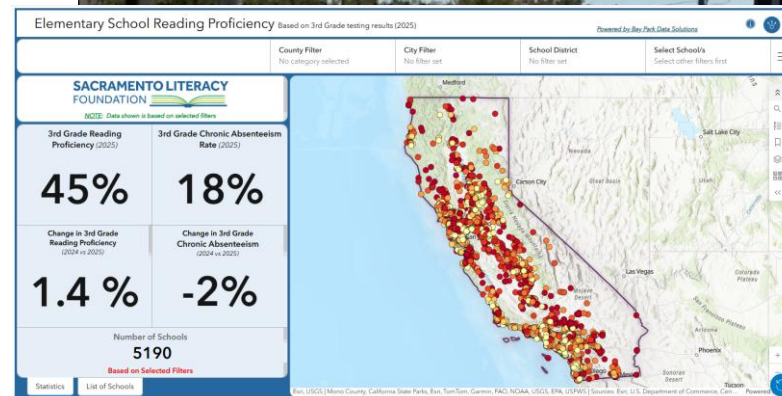
SCOPE OF READING CRISIS:

***MORE KIDS CANNOT
READ AT GRADE-LEVEL
THAN CAN.***

***CALIFORNIA LITERACY MAP(3RD
GRADE CAASPP DATA)***



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SCOPE OF READING CRISIS

CDE DASHBOARD



Children not reading proficiently by the end of 3rd grade are four times less likely to graduate HS (and eight times less likely if from low-income communities)



Approximately 28% of Californian adults are not literate (one of the lowest adult literacy rates in the nation)

Adults with limited literacy lack the skills to navigate daily life and are more likely to:

- Be unemployed or earn an income that falls below the poverty level
- Be socially isolated
- Be incarcerated
- Become disenfranchised
- Have poor health conditions



1.6M students in grades K-3



63% are from low-income communities

75% Black or Latino

34% English learners

3rd-Grade Students on Grade Level in ELA

Overall Low-Income Latino
Low-Income Black, English learners, and students with disabilities



These rates have remained mostly flat over the last decade



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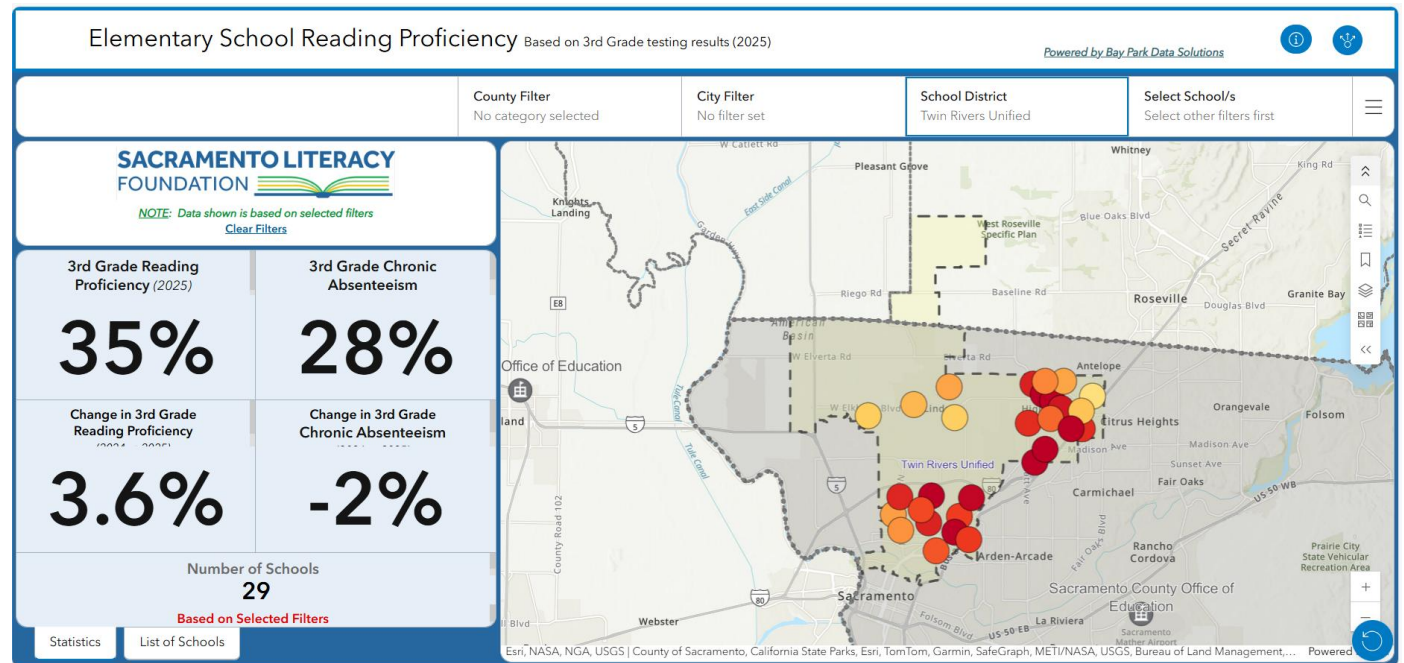
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YOUR DISTRICT

Go to website and look up district. <See TRUSD example here>
<https://www.sacramentoliteracy.org/literacy-map/>

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We have legislation, now we need implementation

The timeline below was set by the State Board of Education (SBE) and the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC).

1. Professional Development—September 1, 2026

The CDE will produce an approved vendor list of professional development providers aligned with evidence-based literacy instruction. Districts will receive dedicated funds to provide teacher training through these vendors. (Funds will be available between September 2026 - June 2030)

2. Instructional Materials Adoption—January 31, 2027

The State Board of Education will produce an approved curriculum list of TK–8 ELA/ELD materials aligned with evidence-based practices. (Note this list will be optional and comes with no funding)

3. Administrator Standards—September 1, 2028

The CTC is updating the Administrative Services Credential program standards to ensure that administrator preparation programs equip school leaders to support teachers in delivering evidence-based literacy instruction.

AB 1454
OCTOBER 2024
TIMELINE



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NEXT STEPS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

A Science of Reading Roadmap



**These eight essential practices
serve as a critical roadmap for
implementing the Science of
Reading.**

They were developed by FULCRUM, an Oakland-based nonprofit committed to advancing evidence-based literacy practices. FULCRUM aims to empower leaders and educators to improve student reading outcomes, driven by the belief that every child deserves the opportunity to learn to read.

Eight Science of Reading (SoR) Essential Practices:

1. Foster a culture for SoR to thrive
2. Empower a literacy chief
3. Adopt high-quality curriculum aligned with teacher prep time
4. Hire SoR-trained teachers
5. Provide ongoing SoR professional development
6. Mandate universal screening
7. Employ "safety nets" / multi-tiered systems of support
8. Require data-informed decision making

FULCRUM's essential practices are inspired by Oakland NAACP's Administrative Petition to Improve Literacy Scores Among Oakland Public School Students. ■



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TOPICS WE CAN GO TO DISTRICT ABOUT

Reading Challenge

- 70%-80% by 2030

Next steps for Evidence based alignment:

- Chief Literacy Officer
- Curriculum/Teacher training

Tutoring Programs:

- Ampac
- 916 Ink
- SCCSC

What about SCTA:

- Prep Time?



WHO CARES ABOUT LITERACY IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Organizations that support this Literacy Legislation Presentation to Sacramento County School District Board Members.

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- 916 Ink
- Black Parallel School Board - Sharon
- Breakthrough Sacramento
- Literacy Advocates
- Natomas Black Parents United
- Parent Advocates
- Sacramento Literacy Coalition
- Sacramento Literacy Foundation
- Teach for America
- Third District PTA



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