



## Indiana Department of Education

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### **Indiana's Early Literacy Endorsement Professional Development: Selecting the Right Course and Cohort for You**

To help current educators meet the requirements for Indiana's new early literacy endorsement, the state of Indiana is currently offering an opportunity for educators to receive 80 hours of *free* professional development through [Keys to Literacy](#). This professional development course is available to educators who hold a PK-6 license; educators who hold a special education license; as well as administrators serving PK-6 buildings. This may include but is not limited to, the primary classroom teacher, an instructional coach, a reading interventionist (serving grades PK-6), a special education teacher, a Title I teacher, or other certified educators who are responsible for the delivery and implementation of literacy instruction to PK-6 students.

This 80-hour professional development course, designed specifically for Indiana, includes:

- Seven live (synchronous) sessions totaling 40 hours;
- Independent coursework totaling 25 hours; and
- Keys to Early Writing/Keys to Content Writing online course (asynchronous) totaling 15 hours.

Educators participating in this free professional development opportunity through Keys to Literacy can receive up to \$1,200 in stipends.

Educators who complete the full 80 hours will receive a total of \$800 in stipends after completing the 40 hours of seven live (synchronous) sessions, the 25 hours of independent coursework, and the 15 hour asynchronous course.

Educators who have already completed other professional development hours outside of Keys to Literacy (such as the 25-hour science of reading modules) may take advantage of a modified 55-hour option that includes:

- Seven live (synchronous) sessions totaling 40 hours and
- Keys to Early Writing/Keys to Content Writing online course (asynchronous) totaling 15 hours.

Educators who complete the modified 55-hour option will receive one \$400 stipend after successful completion of these two components.

Whether completing the modified 55-hour course or the full 80-hour course through this Keys to Literacy engagement, educators will receive a voucher to take the Praxis 5205 and an additional \$400 stipend upon successfully obtaining the Early Literacy Endorsement.



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When registering, participants will select their preference from a number of available cohorts. Several cohorts are currently open for summer, with additional cohorts opening later this year. To help educators determine the cohort that best aligns with their schedule, below is an outline of the course requirements. Participants can only register once through June 2025, so educators are encouraged to check for potential conflicts prior to enrolling.

## Course requirements

- Attend all seven virtual-live sessions for the course;
  - Attendance is required for the first and last sessions. If an unexpected conflict occurs that prevents the participant from joining one of the other five sessions, they can request access to the recorded session via this [form](#) to ensure they complete the 40 hours.
  - Educators must complete sessions within the cohort they are assigned to.
  - Being on time to all sessions ensures completion of professional development hours required to achieve the Literacy Endorsement.
- Complete all modules in the asynchronous online course;
- Submit all independent, asynchronous assignments (unless opted out of this 25-hour component);
- Complete all course requirements within the designated course timeframe; and
- Successfully complete the designated assessment.

Funding for this professional development opportunity is part of the state's biennial budget, and participating educators must successfully complete all components by June 2025. For any questions prior to registration, please contact the [Indiana Literacy Center](#).