



Dyslexia Professional Development Guide

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BRIEF DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

This implementation guide has been created in order to support [Idaho Code § 33-1811; Dyslexia](#). This code states that no later than the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, all instructional staff and coaches employed by a local education agency and involved in the instruction of students in grades K-5, including those providing special education instruction shall be required to receive professional development (PD). 33-1811 (4)(b) adds that all teachers, administrators and school counselors with an instructional certificate in grades 6-12 must receive professional development no later than the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

WHAT STAFF ARE INCLUDED IN THE PD REQUIREMENT?

Kindergarten through grade 5 instructional staff and coaches who are involved in the instruction of students, including special education providers are required to receive the PD. All teachers, administrators and school counselors with an instructional certificate in grades 6-12 are also required to receive PD.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT WHAT COURSES ARE AVAILABLE?

The department of education has published a [list of courses that fulfill the PD requirement](#). All courses meet the outlined requirements for grades K-12. There will not be a separate list of K-5 and 6-12 courses published. The course list includes online and in person options that align with the Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Plan. There is no minimum or maximum number of hours identified for PD. Published courses range from 4 hours to 57 hours. Districts should contact course providers directly with questions.

WHAT IS THE RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT IN THE LAW?

Educators holding a certificate with an expiration date after the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year will be required to earn 1 or more credit(s) of professional development in Dyslexia to recertify. One credit is defined as 15 hours of course work. A certificate of completion or transcript will be accepted as evidence of completion.

All courses included on the list maintained by the department of education meet the above requirements.

WHO DOES THE RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT APPLY TO:

All Idaho teachers or administrators who hold the following are included in the re-certification requirement;

- All subjects (K-8) endorsement;
- Exceptional child generalist endorsement;
- Blended early childhood/early childhood special education endorsement;
- Administrator certificate;
- School counselor certificate.