



AGREEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Systematic and Explicit Evidence-Based Reading Programs and Interventions

OECEM #2023-434

Item	Description
Agreement Term	<p>Effective Date: June 10, 2025</p> <p>Expiry Date: June 9, 2028</p> <p>Optional Extension(s): OECEM has the option to extend the Master Agreement for two (2) additional years.</p>
Resources Available Through This Agreement	<p>OECEM's new Systematic and Explicit Evidence-Based Reading Programs and Interventions agreement provides access to qualified suppliers offering a variety of structured, evidence-based English language programs and interventions for classroom and small-group use, with proven outcomes and comprehensive educator support. Resources include, but are not limited to:</p> <p>Evidence-based Resources All programs and interventions available through this agreement are evidence-based and grounded in data and research, rather than anecdote, theory, or tradition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Empirical Support: Backed by high-quality studies, such as randomized controlled trials or robust quasi-experimental research, that demonstrate effectiveness.• Replicability: Proven successful across various educational settings and student populations.• Peer Review: Supported by research published in peer-reviewed academic journals and validated by subject matter experts.• Clear Protocols: Include structured, defined guidelines to ensure consistent and effective implementation.• Ongoing Assessment: Designed with tools to monitor progress and inform instruction through data-driven decisions. <p>Systematic Approaches Reading programs and interventions are offered for Kindergarten to Grade 12, built on a systematic, skill-based approach that supports student success at every stage of learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct and Explicit: Skills are clearly taught through modeling, guided practice, and feedback.• Targeted and Sequenced: Lessons are based on assessment data and follow a logical developmental order.• Adapted to Student Needs: Instruction is broken down into manageable steps, with supports like small group formats and reduced cognitive load.• Focused on Growth: Encourages metacognition, builds student confidence, and tracks progress through regular assessments.

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Resources Available Through This Agreement	Foundational Reading Skills Resources are aligned with evidence-based reading instruction and explicitly exclude the 3-cueing approach. They address the full range of foundational reading skills essential to literacy development. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Core Literacy Skills: Including phonemic awareness, phonics, alphabetic knowledge, morphology, and orthographic knowledge—building blocks for accurate reading and spelling.Reading Fluency and Comprehension: Emphasizing fluent, expressive reading and the application of strategies to understand, summarize, and analyze text.Vocabulary Development: Expanding oral and written vocabulary through systematic instruction to support equitable access to learning and strong comprehension.	
	Tiered Support: Programs and Interventions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tier 1: High-quality, evidence-based classroom instruction for all students, with targeted small-group or individualized support as needed based on assessment data.Tier 2: Small-group instruction focused on specific foundational reading skills, delivered more frequently and with greater intensity, in addition to core instruction.Tier 3: The most individualized, high-intensity instruction for students with significant or persistent reading challenges, delivered daily by trained educators and informed by detailed assessment data.	
	Related Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">Additional tools and materials that compose the structure and delivery of the program or interventionImplementation and integration service resourcesTransition, training, testing, support, and ongoing service resources	
Awarded Supplier Partners	Awarded Suppliers	Product Offerings
	Empower™ Reading and Learning Group, The Hospital for Sick Children	Empower™ Reading, Grades 2-12
	Nelson Education Ltd.	Open Court Foundational Skills and Word Analysis, Grades K-5
		Reading Mastery Transformations and Signature Edition Series, Grades K-5
		Corrective Reading, Grades 3-12
Pearson Canada Inc.	The Phonics Companion with Bug Club Decodables, Grades K-2	
	Amira Learning, Grades K-8	
	Saxon Reading Foundations, Grades K-2	
Saunders Book Co.	Benchmark Phonics, Grades K-5	