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READ Act teacher training communications toolkit and data collection process

A communications toolkit is available for districts to use to encourage teachers to complete the READ Act training and submit documentation through the Colorado Online Licensing System. The toolkit features sample webpage copy for district websites, sample letters for superintendents and principals to send to teachers, posters for teacher workrooms with reminders of the upcoming August 2022 deadlines, and instructions on how to check educators' training status in the COOL system.

The August 2022 deadlines are quickly approaching and each Local Education Provider in Colorado is responsible for ensuring that their K-3 teachers complete this required training, and for providing evidence to CDE that their educators have finished the training. Currently, only 8,500 of the expected 23,000 teachers have completed their requirements and submitted documentation.

CDE has worked to create a way for evidence to be more easily submitted to the department using the COOL system. This minimizes the burden of data submissions on districts.

If LEPs do not submit evidence to CDE that their educators have completed the training, READ Act funds for the 2022-23 school year could be delayed or withheld. The deadline for teacher training data submission is Wednesday, Aug. 31.

For any questions about the requirements or help submitting evidence, email ReadAct@cde.state.co.us.

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