

8710.4725 TEACHERS OF READING.

Subpart 1. **Scope of practice.** A teacher of reading is authorized to facilitate and provide for kindergarten through grade 12 students instruction that is designed to develop reading skills, strategies, and comprehension. The teacher of reading is also authorized to provide assistance to teachers who have responsibility for providing reading instruction. Nothing in this part restricts teachers of elementary education, teachers of English as a second language, or teachers of special education from providing reading instruction to students they are licensed to teach nor restricts any other teacher from providing instruction in reading in their content areas.

Subp. 2. **Licensure requirements.** A candidate for licensure to teach reading to students in kindergarten through grade 12 shall:

A. hold or qualify for a teaching license, as defined in part 8710.0310, valid for:

- (1) one or more of the following student levels: elementary, middle, or secondary;
- (2) kindergarten through grade 12 special education teaching under parts 8710.5000

(5) understand the progression of reading development (emergent, beginning, transitional, intermediate, and advanced) and the variations related to cultural and linguistic diversity with a heightened awareness to the needs of struggling

(7) understand the structures of texts, both print and electronic,

(6) promote a shared vision that all students can learn literacy regardless of their cognitive, cultural, or linguistic backgrounds;

(7) use literature to engage students in dialogue, critical thinking, and reflection around issues of social justice;

(8) promote critical literacy by encouraging student to question what they are reading while analyzing texts from multiple viewpoints or perspectives; and

(9) understand the importance of and facilitate home school connections.

E. A teacher of reading must view professional development as a career-long effort and responsibility including:

(1) serve as a role model and display positive attitudes toward literacy in the district/building by engaging in reading and writing practices;

(2) promote and facilitate ongoing self-reflection related to teaching and student learning;

(3) seek to be well informed and share up-to-date knowledge of literacy learning with colleagues;

(4) apply aspects of coaching feedback to instructional practice;