

## Tennessee Universal Reading Screener Updates to Foundational Literacy Skills Plan

The Tennessee Literacy Success Act requires each district to develop and maintain a current Foundational Literacy Skills Plan (FLSP). The initial district and charter school plans were approved by June 1, 2021 but must be kept up to date. If key programmatic pieces of a district's FLSP change for the 2021-2022 school year, including the selection of a new universal reading screener or a change in materials or schedules, the district is required to submit their revisions to the department no later than October 1, 2021.

Plan revisions that require an updated 2021-22 FLSP submission include changes to these key programmatic pieces:

- changes to the amount of time dedicated to foundational skills instruction,
- changes to the adopted curricular materials, or
- changes to the selected universal reading screener.

To update a Foundational Literacy Skills Plan, please click [this link](#). Only include information in the sections of your plan that are changing. Do not make edits to sections that you are not changing from the existing FLSP.

Revisions will go through the same review process as the original submission. The Early Literacy Team will be reviewing updates using the original scoring rubric from the FLSP [toolkit](#). Once the revisions are approved, the department will provide the district with an updated FLSP that must be posted on both the district and department websites to be in compliance with the Tennessee Literacy Success Act.

### Changes to Amount of Time Dedicated to Foundational Skills Instruction

If districts are editing schedules in a way that changes the amount of daily time spent on foundational skills instruction in grades K-5, a revision is required. The Tennessee Literacy Success Act requires that foundational skills instruction must be the primary form of instruction in grades K-3.

### Changes to Adopted Curricular Materials

If districts are adopting new curricular materials for the 2021-22 school year, a revision is required. If districts are not changing their adopted curricula but are adding supplemental materials this does not require a revision.

### Changing Universal Reading Screeners

If a district is changing their universal reading screener selection, a revision is required. The Tennessee Literacy Success Act requires districts to administer a universal reading screener to each student in grades K-3 during three administration windows. Districts may choose to screen students using the Tennessee



Universal Reading Screener or another universal reading screener approved by the state board of education. If a district is using a screener other than one on the state board of education's approved list, a revision to the existing FLSPs required. The State Board of Education approved screeners can be found [here](#).

If changes are being made or considered for the 2022-2023 school year, districts must submit these plans no later than June 1, 2022 using the 2022-2023 FLSP Update Form to be released in 2022. If there are questions about whether a change requires revisions, please reach out to Rachael Ross, [rachael.l.ross@tn.gov](mailto:rachael.l.ross@tn.gov).