OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

To: LEA Leaders
From: Office of the State Superintendent of Education: Teaching and Learning
Date: August 2026
Subject: 2026–27 Literacy Data Collection Requirements

Purpose

This memorandum provides updated guidance on literacy data collection requirements for the 2026–27 school year based on § 38–2265, Supporting Competency in Structured Literacy Instruction.

Background

Under § 38–2265, OSSE is required to collect classroom-level student academic performance growth and proficiency in literacy, as measured by a uniform assessment, for students in kindergarten through grade 3.

Updated Requirement for the 2026–27 School Year

For the 2026–27 school year, OSSE will require LEAs to submit K–2 literacy screener data only. This adjustment modifies previous communication indicating K–3 data collection. OSSE will continue preparing for full implementation of the legislative requirement, including the future collection of third-grade literacy data.

Next Steps for LEAs

- Submit K–2 literacy screener data through the designated OSSE platform.
- Maintain readiness to incorporate grade 3 literacy data in future collection cycles.

Questions

For technical support (e.g., how to upload assessment data) please submit an OSSE Support Tool ticket via Quickbase.

For programmatic support (e.g., questions about legislative requirements, types of assessments that can be submitted etc.) please contact Vaani Gupta at Vaani.Gupta@dc.gov .