

Reading Academies YR 1 Cohorts – Frequently Asked Questions:

As you begin the last quarter of Reading Academies learning in Fort Bend ISD please review this summary of frequently asked questions regarding the final stage of this cohort. If you have any additional questions reach out to your cohort leader, your reporting supervisor, or Brittany.Carpenter@fortbendisd.com for clarification.

Required Learning Plans:

- *Will Reading Academies be a part of my summer learning plan for 2021-2022?*

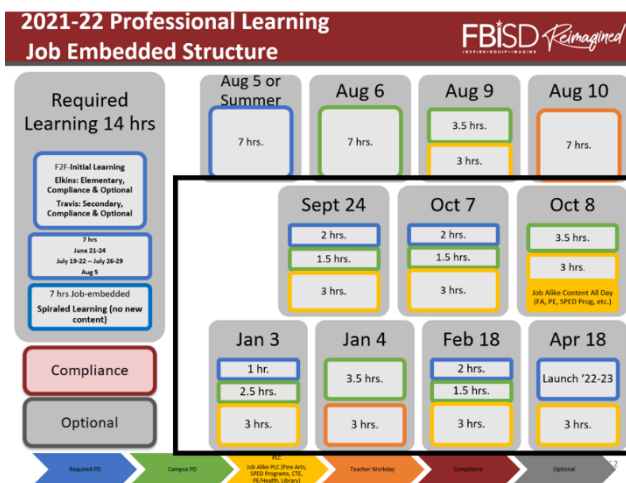
Yes, Reading Academies will offer a FACE TO FACE learning session related to Reading Academies content in Modules 10-12 including support as you plan, revise, and finalize your Module 10 artifact. You will select **one** date from those listed in the YR.1 Reading Academies course offerings from your eLearning job-role playlist to attend during summer. You can select any date listed during one of the following windows: June 21-24; July 19-22; July 26-29; or August 5th.

- *If I finish before September, can I still take other courses like Student Ownership?*

If you meet all requirements for Reading Academies completion (as listed below in the section under Completion Credit) by June 1, 2021, you will receive an email documenting your completion status. At that time, you may reach out to your supervisors for more information about additional course offerings, including any of the optional courses in your learning playlist in eLearning.

- *What will be my required learning after I complete Reading Academies in September?*

After you have completed your course requirements you will transition into the learning plan for your job role. For most staff this will include the job-embedded required learning centered around Student Ownership of Learning and Behavior, as well as your campus learning and time to engage in PLCs. Please see professional learning course catalog for more information about your required learning plan.



After completing Reading Academies in September, learners will transition to their required, job-embedded learning plan as related to their specific job role.

STIPENDS:

- *How will I get my stipend?*

The following information was provided to all learners within your RA Progress Update email on April 15, 2021.

Stipend Justification
To receive a Reading Academies Stipend, FBISD Staff:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be assigned to a qualifying job role for stipend: Teachers, Librarians and Media Specialists, Dyslexia Teachers, Special Education Teachers, and Literacy Interventionists (Instructional Coaches, Campus Admin., and Central Office Staff do not qualify) • Demonstrate mastery of required completion criteria as detailed by Texas Reading Academies Modules and TEA guidelines for Authorized Providers. (See Appendix A) • Submit the Module 12 Affirmation statement.
Payment Structures:
<p>The amount that will be paid is based on the number of modules successfully completed as demonstrated from Canvas Data Report pulled June 1, 2021 at 4:30PM. The first payout will occur on June 30, 2021. Participants will be paid for all modules completed between June 2 and September 15, 2021 on October 29, 2021.</p>

- *How do I receive my full stipend this summer?*

To receive the full \$300 stipend by June 30, 2021, participants must demonstrate completion of all requirements for Reading Academies (as listed below in the section under Completion Credit). On June 1 at 4:30pm a completion report will be pulled from the Reading Academies Data Dashboard as provided by TEA. The cohort leaders will filter results of anyone who has shown completion of all 12 modules at this time, ensuring they have demonstrated all completion requirements. This completion status also includes successful completion of the artifacts as scored by moderated graders. The completion status will be reported by June 7, 2021 to ensure payment is received on June 30, 2021.

- *If I do not finish by June 1, when will I get paid for the remaining module completion?*

Participants will be paid a percentage of or the full sum of their Reading Academies stipend on June 30, 2021 based on what percentage of modules have a status of complete for all requirements at the time of data reports collection on June 1, 2021 at 4:30pm.

Any additional modules completed between June 2 and September 15, 2021 will be paid by October 29, based on what percentage of modules demonstrate completion of all requirements at the time of the course conclusion on September 15, 2021.

- *How much is my stipend?*

Reading Academies participants who satisfy the criteria as listed in Appendix B will earn a total of \$300 for completion of all requirements.

Completion Credit

- *How will I receive completion credit?*

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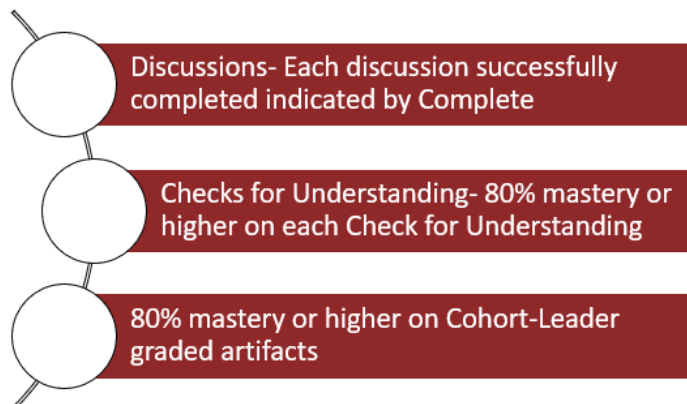
- *Will this be a part of my TEA certification?*

TEA will provide a certificate of completion for all participants who meet the requirements for completion credit. (See Appendix A) Additionally, TEA will track this completion using the 10-digit unique ID learners provided during their enrollment into the Canvas course. Participants who demonstrate successful completion will be given access to an additional Canvas course- Reading Academies Archives to access course resources beyond September 15, 2021.

Participants will receive an email from TEA upon successful completion of Reading Academies with all details of this documentation and course access.

- *What is required for completion credit?*

See appendix A



- *By what date must I meet these criteria for completion credit?*

Year 1 teacher path ELAR cohorts will conclude on September 15, 2021. At this date participants will no longer have access to this course. The cohort leader will score all submission, artifacts, and track grades from the original cohort and submit documentation to TEA affirming the completion status of all learners by September 30, 2021.

- *What happens if I do not successfully complete Reading Academies by the course end date?*

Participants who do not successfully complete Reading Academies by September 15, 2021 will be re-enrolled in a modified blended course to retake Reading Academies. A higher degree of support and accountability will be provided to participants ensuring their successful completion prior to the legislative mandate of 2023. Supports may include full day face-to-face learning environments on specific dates throughout the year.

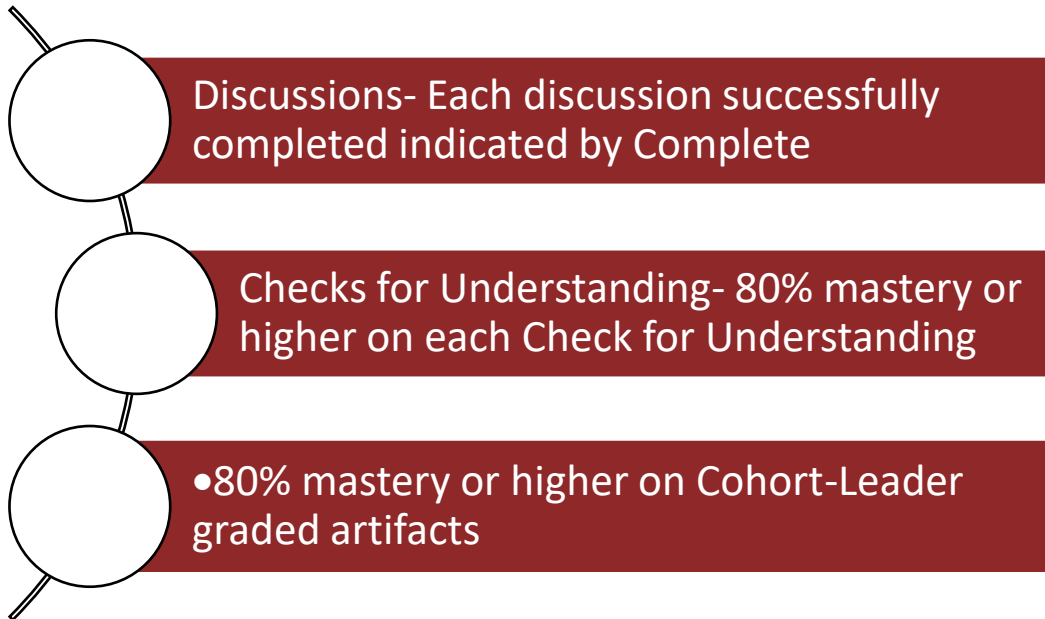
- *If I have already taken the STR Exam do I still need to take Reading Academies?*

Yes, although the STR examination and the Reading Academies are both requirements of HB 3, they are different mandates. The STR examination is a mandated requirement for the issuance of a teaching certification. The STR examination is required for teacher candidates seeking certification in one of the five HB 3 impacted certificate fields. Completion of the Reading Academies is a mandated requirement for all in-service teachers and administrators who teach students in grades Kindergarten to 3rd. This means that even if a teacher has passed the STR exam and is issued one of the 5 HB 3 impacted certificates, they will still need to complete Reading Academies training once hired by a Texas district. All teacher candidates seeking certification in an HB 3 impacted field are required to take and pass the STR exam for issuance of an intern, probationary, or standard certificate as of January 1, 2021.

- **Appendix A- Completion Requirements** *What is required for completion credit?*

Reading Academies Completion Requirements Include:

- Discussions - Each discussion successfully completed indicated by Complete
- Checks for Understanding - 80% mastery or higher on each Check for Understanding
- 80% mastery or higher on Cohort-Leader graded artifacts



Appendix B- Stipend Justification

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Payment Structures:
<p>Qualifying Reading Academies staff will receive an initial payment in June proportionate to the number of modules successfully completed as determined from the Canvas Data Report which will be pulled June 1, 2021 at 4:30PM. The first stipend payout will occur on June 30, 2021. Participants demonstrating completion of all required criteria may receive the entirety of the \$300 stipend at this time.</p> <p>On October 29, 2021, participants who demonstrate successful completion of Reading Academies Modules by September 15, 2021 will be paid the remaining balance of the total stipend.</p>