



# LITERACY COACH ACADEMY OF MISSISSIPPI

## ***WALK THE RED CARPET TO CERTIFICATION!***

**PURPOSE:** The Literacy Coach Academy of Mississippi (LCAM) is a learning pathway offered by the Mississippi Department of Education, Division of Literacy, for fundamental training and certification in literacy coaching. The purpose of the program is to prepare K-5 school- and district-based literacy coaches to support teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators in the implementation of literacy best practices grounded in the Science of Reading.

Upon participant selection and acceptance to this exclusive academy, K-5 literacy coaches will receive guidance and support to refine and enhance their coaching craft.

### **BENEFITS TO PARTICIPANTS:**

- ★ gain intensive training in the aspects of a successful literacy coaching model;
- ★ receive knowledge building grounded in the Science of Reading (SoR);
- ★ increase capacity in the Structured Literacy approach to support teachers in lesson delivery grounded in the Science of Reading;
- ★ observe and model content for better transfer to their coaching practices;
- ★ join a cohort of school- and district-based literacy coaches that will serve as a professional learning community;
- ★ receive actionable feedback and guidance during on-site visits and virtual classes;
- ★ earn continuing education credits (CEUs, SEMIs, or OSLs) required for Mississippi Educator License recertification.

***See page 2 for Academy Details***



MORE INFORMATION  
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Scan the QR code to  
access the application  
or use the link below:  
<https://forms.gle/bDXfsx1RULVxtqDK6>



# ACADEMY DETAILS

## CUMULATIVE PROJECT:

Participants will create a portfolio, purposeful to their building or classroom, that contains artifacts of tasks assigned throughout the year. The tasks will be embedded in the program coursework, in-person sessions, virtual sessions, shadowing visits, and site visits. An exit interview will be conducted in May 2024 that includes questions pertinent to literacy coaching and a performance task that must receive a passing score according to the exit interview rubric.

## ACADEMY STRUCTURE:

- LearnWorlds coursework: 5 modules (10 hours) that include a spring semester site visit
- Semester in-person sessions (2): Participants will role-play scenarios related to the content presented for application and practice.
- Semester virtual sessions (2): Participants will role-play scenarios related to the content presented for application and practice.
- Fall shadowing (1): Participants will shadow an MDE Literacy Coach to see live coaching
- Optional monthly virtual office hours hosted by academy leaders for participant support: Intervals of time will be allotted each month for open virtual office hours for program support if needed.
- Exit interview: Participants will complete an exit interview with questions and a performance-based task pertaining to literacy coaching.

**DISTRICT COMMITMENT:** The district provides the time for the participant to fully commit to the academy requirements and time to attend in-person training and shadowing sessions. The superintendent signs off on the participant's selection and commitments of time and travel.



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## APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Complete the [Google Form](#) before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023
- Submit [district commitment](#) form by uploading the document within the application before March 1, 2023

## PARTICIPANT CRITERIA:

- Currently serves or will serve in a coaching role for the 2023/2024 school year
- Must commit to completing the program requirements
- Must secure district commitment to allow participation

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### ACADEMY REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete application and receive notification of acceptance from the MDE into the Literacy Coach Academy of Mississippi
- Secure district commitment for participation
- Attend 2-day training in May 2023
- Attend 2 in-person sessions
- Participate in 2 virtual sessions
- Complete LearnWorlds coursework
- Complete the process for shadowing an assigned MDE Literacy Coach
- Prepare for and complete targeted coaching tasks during semester site visits from MDE Literacy Coach
- Complete literacy coach portfolio, receive a passing score on coursework, and achieve targeted rubric points on an exit interview



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