

Early Intervention Reading Software Budget Review

What is it? Why is the State involved?

The Early Intervention Reading Software program provides local education agencies (LEAs) with interactive reading software for students in kindergarten through third grade. The program provides intervention for kindergarten through third grade students who are reading below grade level. It can also be used for reading advancement for kindergarten or first grade students reading at or above grade level. The program supports improved literacy for K-3 students which is in line with the Legislature’s goal regarding literacy which is to have every student reading at or above grade level by the end of third grade.

Organization

The Early Intervention Reading Software program is administered by the Utah State Board of Education. It contracts with several software providers through a request for proposal (RFP) process. For the 2016-2017 school year, there were eight software providers: Imagine Learning, i-Ready, Istation, Lexia Reading Core5, MyOn, Reading Plus, SuccessMaker, and Waterford.

Funding

- The appropriation for the program in FY 2018 is \$7.6 million ongoing.
- LEAs apply to participate in the program and select the software program from the list of contracted vendors. The Utah State Board of Education awards licenses to LEAs through a competitive process with priority given to those who received a license the prior year.
- A school that does not utilize the software in accordance with the dosage recommended by the provider for two consecutive years may not continue to receive a license.

Early Intervention Reading Software Program Expenditures, FY 2017	
Program	Expenditures
Imagine Learning	3,358,000
i-Ready	1,133,070
Istation	45,300
Lexia	1,653,300
MyOn	170,240
Reading Plus	211,255
SuccessMaker	443,184
Waterford	692,225
ETI Evaluation	155,300
Total	7,861,874
Reimbursement (10/16)	(12,500)
Reimbursement (1/17)	(69,300)
Total Program Expenditures	7,780,074



Early Intervention Reading Software Appropriations, FY 2013—FY 2018



Reporting

Statute, 53A-17a-167(8), requires USBE to contract with an independent evaluator to evaluate the program. USBE may use up to 4% of the program appropriation for this evaluation.