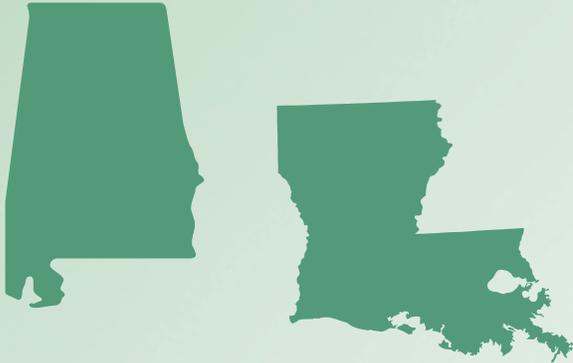




# Wisconsin Roadmap for Literacy Success

## WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM OTHER STATES?



### SMARTER INVESTMENTS DRIVE RESULTS

Alabama and Louisiana have successfully implemented Science of Reading (SOR) policies, and student reading scores have increased. These states have been able to effectively adopt these changes despite spending less money than Wisconsin. Meanwhile, Wisconsin continues to lag behind in implementation, enforcement and outcomes.

### THE NEED FOR CHANGE IN WISCONSIN

In Wisconsin, nearly 70% of 4th graders struggle with grade-level reading, and reading scores are at 1992 levels despite significant spending. A shift from balanced literacy to science-based reading instruction is necessary. It is grounded in research on how children learn to read and addresses the flaws of earlier methods, like balanced literacy, which promote guessing at words using context clues instead of decoding them using letter-sound relationships. The passage of 2023 Wisconsin Act 20 is a necessary step, but compliance, funding, and enforcement will be essential to achieve student success.



STATE	AVG \$/STUDENT	K-3 READING SCREENER WITH PARENT NOTICE	STUDENT READING PLANS WITH INTERVENTION	SOR TEACHER TRAINING	SOR TRAINING EDUCATOR PREP PROGRAMS	THREE CUEING BAN	SUMMER READING CAMPS	LITERACY COACHES
AL	\$13,500	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LA	\$13,800	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	⚠
WI	\$16,700	✓	✓	⚠	✓	⚠	✗	⚠

CHART KEY: Green checkmark: Yes, fully implemented; Yellow caution symbol: Partially implemented or not enforced; Red X: No current law.

SOURCES: ExcelinEd, <https://earlyliteracymatters.org/literacy-map/>; Education Data Initiative, <https://educationdata.org/public-education-spending-statistics#al>.