

WASHINGTON-PARKS ACADEMY

Section 35j: Professional Development, Curriculum, and Supports Grant

Section 35j of the FY 2024 State School Aid Act provides funds to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) and Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) to “improve literacy instructional practices by investing in quality, research-based best practices, and professional learning.”

Year 2 funding professional development assurance requirement: 100% of Washington-Parks Academy instructional staff and leadership are engaging in literacy professional development aligned to the science of reading, including training and coaching in Brain Friendly Reading.

Curricular resources include:

- Brain Friendly Reading
- ReadyGen
- iReady Teacher Toolbox and other resources
- Spalding
- Heggerty phonemic awareness

Benchmark Assessments include:

- I-Ready Diagnostic Assessment (3x Yearly)
- Brain Friendly Reading Screen Assessment

Professional Learning includes:

- Brain Friendly Reading Training (during school year and in summer / August)
- iReady training / support