

PURPOSE

This funding is provided to address the needs of students in grades 1 and 2 who are experiencing difficulties in developing reading readiness and early literacy skills. This will provide school boards with additional human resources that may be flexibly deployed as long as the ultimate benefit of any assignment serves to enhance the early literacy skills of those students identified as at risk.

This funding will also provide early literacy resources and in-service for teachers, other staff and volunteers deployed as part of a board's Early Literacy program.

CONDITIONS

1. A **school jurisdiction** may receive Early Literacy funding for programs provided for **funded students** in grades 1 and 2.
2. Funding will be based on the current year enrolments in grades 1 and 2.
3. **School jurisdictions** must use at least 85 per cent of the funding to hire additional human resources to support classroom teachers in giving students at risk the special help and attention they need. The remaining funding up to a maximum of 15 per cent may be used to purchase early literacy resources, and provide in-service for parents, and for teachers, or other staff deployed as part of the board's Early Literacy program.

REQUIREMENTS

1. A **school jurisdiction** that receives funding for the Early Literacy must provide the program and ensure that there is flexibility in delivery of the program so that all grade 1 and 2 students in the **school jurisdiction** who need early literacy assistance have access to the program.
2. A **school jurisdiction** that receives funding for the Early Literacy must employ additional human resources and may do so under employment conditions the jurisdiction deems most appropriate.
3. A **school jurisdiction** shall ensure its records document that the funding allocated under this section has been expended for the purposes for which the funding was intended.
4. **School jurisdictions** will be required to report revenues and expenditures in their audited financial statements.

