



Oakland Unified's Early Literacy Cohort a multi-year pilot-project funded by the Kenneth Rainin Foundation. The cohort was designed to explore how evidence-based reading instruction in TK-2nd grade classrooms can eliminate the 3rd grade reading achievement gap.

15 OUSD elementary schools receive support targeting:

- Site-based instructional leadership
 - .5 FTE Early Literacy coach
 - ~monthly site visits including walkthroughs and data dives with Early Literacy Leads
- Differentiated instruction
 - Early Literacy Tutors are community members trained and paid to teach evidence-based programs (SIPPS, SEEDS)
 - each tutor pulls 4 groups of primary-grade students per day
- Curriculum
 - grant-purchased curricula support instruction in phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension
- Professional development
 - 1x monthly PD for teachers on topics related to early literacy, often cross-site collaboration to strengthen core reading instruction
 - 1x monthly PD for Early Literacy Tutors
 - 1x monthly Community of Practice for the principal and Early Literacy Coach
 - Regular meetings for Early Literacy Coaches
 - SEEDS professional development
- Assessment
 - universal screener for early diagnosis of reading difficulties
 - diagnostic assessments for targeting instruction
 - support analyzing school, cohort, and district data
 - data-dives to develop instructional plans
 - Early Literacy Cohort dashboard for data review

**LITERACY FRAMEWORK
FOR ASSESSMENT AND INSTRUCTION**

