



Student Reading Improvement Plan (SRIP): What You Need to Know

Helping All Children Achieve

Maryland has a plan to help every child learn to read well by the end of 3rd grade. If your child is in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, this plan will affect them. The goal is to catch reading challenges early to give every child the support they need.

What's Changing and Why

We have learned a lot about how children learn to read. We now know that some teaching methods work better than others. Maryland's new literacy policy asks schools to use these proven methods, called the Science of Reading, starting in the early grades along with high-quality reading materials

This means your child's teacher will focus on teaching:

- **Phonemic awareness:** hearing and working with sounds in words
- **Phonics:** how letters and sounds work together to make words
- **Fluency:** reading words correctly and at a steady pace
- **Vocabulary:** knowing the meanings of words
- **Comprehension:** understanding what is read or heard

Keeping an Eye on Your Child's Progress

All students take part in a reading screening check three times a year—in the fall, winter, and spring. It helps teachers notice problems early.

If the results show your child needs extra help:

- Your family will receive a letter explaining the results.
- You will be invited to help create a Student Reading Improvement Plan (SRIP) which is a plan made just for your child to get them back on track for reading success.
- Your child will get extra support based on their needs.

When Will These Changes Happen?

Student Reading Improvement Plans (SRIP) take effect during this school year.

Your Role as a Family

You play an important role in your child's reading growth. If your child needs extra help, you will be invited to take part in the plan and be given ways to help your child at home. For ideas on how to help your child at home, click on the QR code below.



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