

Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant Literacy Lead Agency Project Overview



Statewide Literacy Priority: Priority 3

Transitional kindergarten through grade five (TK–5) programs that build school capacity for effective literacy and comprehensive English language development for English learner (EL) students, including opportunities to develop biliteracy and primary language instruction whenever possible.

Literacy Lead Agency: San Diego County Office of Education (COE)

Consortium Members: Orange County Department of Education (OCDE), Imperial COE

Partner Organization: California Reading and Literature Project

Project Name: Uplift Literacy

Project Overview: Key activities of the Uplift Literacy Project include:

- Improve literacy outcomes for TK–5 EL students and American Indian (AI) students in traditional and dual language settings.
- Increase teacher capacity (mindsets, knowledge, skills) to align and implement asset-based instructional practices.
- Increase educators' capacity (mindsets, knowledge, and skills) to implement asset-based literacy leadership practices, including evidence-based family engagement and literacy programs.

The Uplift Literacy Project will build local capacity by leading communities of practice (CoP) and Educator Academies with literacy coaches at each identified local educational agency (LEA). Based on the local needs of the LEAs identified during the literacy planning process, the CoPs and academies will provide a menu of professional learning options, including content on equity-focused leadership and high-quality, standards-based instruction and intervention for EL and AI students. Uplift Literacy will provide supplemental books and other materials to support culturally responsive literacy instruction, including culturally responsive family literacy programs. School libraries will serve as a hub for school-family-community engagement and will host activities and community literacy events. The project will build capacity in district and site administrators, coaches, school library staff, lead teachers and teachers through literacy plan development, coaching, and ongoing support to improve literacy outcomes for the most vulnerable students.

The San Diego COE will work directly with three districts, the National School District, Valley Center-Pauma, and Bonsall Unified School District (USD). The Imperial COE will

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work directly with the Calexico USD. The OCDE will work directly with the Santa Ana USD.

Resources related to this project can be found on the California Educators Together web page at: <https://www.caeducatorstogether.org/groups/bcjhys32/clsd-priority-3-uplift-literacy>