

Mississippi's Comprehensive Approach to Improving Literacy Outcomes

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Educator Training

All levels, including Ed Prep Programs



Coaching for Teachers



Literacy-Based Promotion Act Strategies



Promotion with good cause exemption and targeted interventions



For students per amendment

Parent Communication

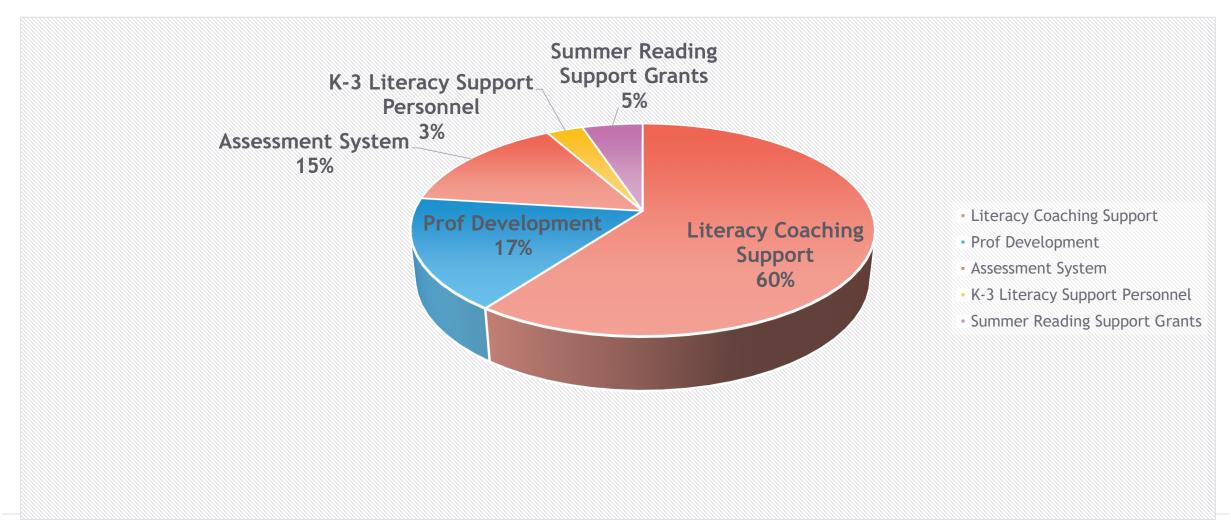
Educating about law, the why and emphasizing notifications and communication

*Courtesy MS Department of Education

Literacy-Based Promotion Act Funding Priorities



Legislative appropriation: \$9.5M in 2013; \$15M annually thereafter



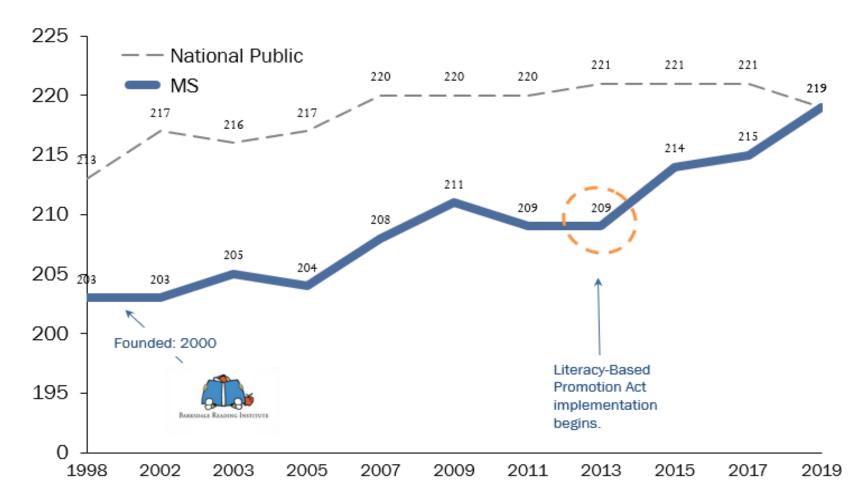


Why a comprehensive, state-led approach?



Earlier literacy efforts yielded successful "pilots" but did not advance sustainable statewide improvement.

Average Scale Score



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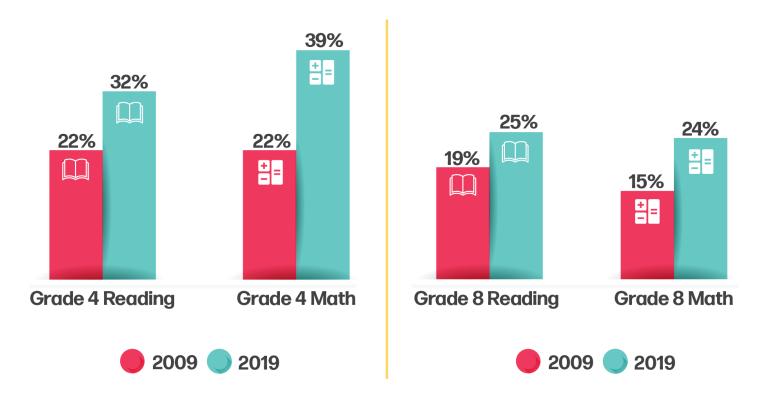


Results



In 2019, MS ranked 1st in the nation for gains in 4th Grade Reading and Math from 2017-2019.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Mississippi Students Scoring Proficient or Above







Thank You!

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