

# OEQA Early Literacy Academy Stipend FAQ

The OEQA Early Literacy Academy was established by Senate Bill 1778 (2026), codified at 70 O.S. § 1210.508H(J). The legislation establishes intensive teacher training academies delivered by Oklahoma universities and taught by current practitioners.

The academies provide 40 hours of instruction over one to two weeks, with a focus on:

- Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)
- The science of reading
- Standards-aligned early literacy instruction

Each Oklahoma public school may send one certified staff member serving students in kindergarten through grade 3 to attend an academy at no cost. Participants who successfully complete the academy are eligible to receive a \$3,000 stipend.

## **DUE DATES:**

- Training completed by 08/07/2026
- All signed stipend invoices must be returned to OSDE by 09/15/2026.

## HOW DO PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM RECEIVE THEIR STIPEND PAYMENT?

To receive a stipend, eligible participants must complete the [Stipend Application Form](#).

You will need your **State of Oklahoma Supplier ID number** to complete the form. If you have not yet registered as a supplier, please follow the [Supplier Registration Instructions](#) before submitting your stipend application.

After all academies are completed, OEQA will provide the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) with the list of participants who successfully completed the academy and are eligible for a stipend. The OSDE Literacy Office will then process stipend payments for eligible participants who have submitted the required information.

Please allow up to 45 days after payment documentation has been submitted for processing to receive your stipend.

For questions about stipend applications or payments, please contact Dylan Savage at [dylan.savage@sde.ok.gov](mailto:dylan.savage@sde.ok.gov) and Madison Trussell at [madison.trussell@sde.ok.gov](mailto:madison.trussell@sde.ok.gov).

## IS THERE A DEADLINE TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTS FOR THE STIPEND PAYMENT?

Participants must submit their signed invoice using the [Participant Invoice Submission form](#) no later than **September 15th, 2026**.

## WHAT SHOULD I LOOK FOR WHEN RECEIVING A PAYMENT?

Depending on how each participant registers in the supplier portal, the payment will either be sent electronically or by mail. **Please keep the initial invoice from the OSDE for your records.**

## WHAT DEDUCTIONS ARE THE STIPEND PAYMENTS SUBJECT TO?

The payment will be subject to each individual's state taxes.

## ARE INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING THE PAYMENT SUBJECT TO TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TRS)?

The OEQA Early Literacy Academy Stipend is not considered "regular annual compensation" under either [17-101](#) or rule [10-13-1](#) and is not subject to contributions to TRS.

**For questions about the Early Literacy Academy, please contact [info@oeqa.ok.gov](mailto:info@oeqa.ok.gov).**