

# Reading Matters in Texas

In Texas there are more than 5 million students. Today only 4 in 10 of them meet the Texas 3rd grade reading standard. Children who aren't reading proficiently by fourth grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school. Texas is working hard to change that story and "positively impact student literacy achievement." The state passed House Bill 3 and 4545, requiring all districts to shift to a phonics-based curriculum for reading and provide accelerated instruction. Research shows that instruction based in the science of reading can support nearly all children in learning to read at or approaching grade level. Here are our top five tips for taking action.

## Top Five Tips for Texas

### What Texas Schools Need:

- 1 A phonics curriculum that is explicit, systematic, and cumulative
- 2 A structured literacy approach proven to support student progress
- 3 Reading resources for whole-class instruction, intervention, and assessment
- 4 Professional learning to equip teachers with knowledge and best practices
- 5 A turnkey, easy-to-use solution that complies with state legislation

### What 95 Percent Group Offers:



*"Of all the new curricula I have been asked to implement, 95 Percent Group is by far my favorite. It was so easy to make the change because it works. It gets kids reading, and it also helps them enjoy it."*

**—Julie Groce, Southside ISD**

- House Bill 3 requires local education agencies to adopt a phonics curriculum that uses systematic, direct instruction.
- House Bill 4545 requires supplemental accelerated instruction for students who do not pass the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) in reading.



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