

(III) helping to determine possible reading intervention strategies and related special needs.

**(D) Classroom-based instructional reading assessment**

The term “classroom-based instructional reading assessment” means an assessment that—

(i) evaluates children’s learning based on systematic observations by teachers of children performing academic tasks that are part of their daily classroom experience; and

(ii) is used to improve instruction in reading, including classroom instruction.

(Pub. L. 89–10, title I, §1208, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1549.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 6368, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, §1208, as added Pub. L. 103–382, title I, §101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3583; amended Pub. L. 105–277, div. A, §101(f) [title VIII, §204(c)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681–337, 2681–409; Pub. L. 106–113, div. B, §1000(a)(4) [title III, §306(b)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A–260; Pub. L. 106–554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title XVI, §1604(l)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A–332, related to award of Even Start subgrants, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107–110. See section 6381g of this title.

Prior sections 6369, 6369a, 6369b, and 6370 were omitted in the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107–110.

Section 6369, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, §1209, as added Pub. L. 103–382, title I, §101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3584; amended Pub. L. 105–277, div. A, §101(f) [title VIII, §203], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681–337, 2681–408, related to evaluation of Even Start programs. See section 6381h of this title.

Section 6369a, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, §1210, as added Pub. L. 105–277, div. A, §101(f) [title VIII, §204(a)(2)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681–337, 2681–409, related to indicators of Even Start program quality. See section 6381i of this title.

Section 6369b, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, §1211, as added Pub. L. 105–277, div. A, §101(f) [title VIII, §205], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681–337, 2681–410; amended Pub. L. 106–554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title XVI, §1604(m)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A–333, authorized research. See section 6381j of this title.

Section 6370, Pub. L. 89–10, title I, §1212, formerly §1210, as added Pub. L. 103–382, title I, §101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3584; renumbered §1212, Pub. L. 105–277, div. A, §101(f) [title VIII, §204(a)(1)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681–337, 2681–409, related to construction of provisions. See section 6381k of this title.

**SUBPART 2—EARLY READING FIRST**

**§ 6371. Purposes; definitions**

**(a) Purposes**

The purposes of this subpart are as follows:

(1) To support local efforts to enhance the early language, literacy, and prereading development of preschool age children, particularly those from low-income families, through strategies and professional development that are based on scientifically based reading research.

(2) To provide preschool age children with cognitive learning opportunities in high-quality language and literature-rich environments, so that the children can attain the fundamental knowledge and skills necessary for optimal

reading development in kindergarten and beyond.

(3) To demonstrate language and literacy activities based on scientifically based reading research that supports the age-appropriate development of—

(A) recognition, leading to automatic recognition, of letters of the alphabet;

(B) knowledge of letter sounds, the blending of sounds, and the use of increasingly complex vocabulary;

(C) an understanding that written language is composed of phonemes and letters each representing one or more speech sounds that in combination make up syllables, words, and sentences;

(D) spoken language, including vocabulary and oral comprehension abilities; and

(E) knowledge of the purposes and conventions of print.

(4) To use screening assessments to effectively identify preschool age children who may be at risk for reading failure.

(5) To integrate such scientific reading research-based instructional materials and literacy activities with existing programs of preschools, child care agencies and programs, Head Start centers, and family literacy services.

**(b) Definitions**

For purposes of this subpart:

**(1) Eligible applicant**

The term “eligible applicant” means—

(A) one or more local educational agencies that are eligible to receive a subgrant under subpart 1 of this part;

(B) one or more public or private organizations or agencies, acting on behalf of one or more programs that serve preschool age children (such as a program at a Head Start center, a child care program, or a family literacy program), which organizations or agencies shall be located in a community served by a local educational agency described in subparagraph (A); or

(C) one or more local educational agencies described in subparagraph (A) in collaboration with one or more organizations or agencies described in subparagraph (B).

**(2) Scientifically based reading research**

The term “scientifically based reading research” has the same meaning given to that term in section 6368 of this title.

**(3) Screening reading assessment**

The term “screening reading assessment” has the same meaning given to that term in section 6368 of this title.

(Pub. L. 89–10, title I, §1221, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1552.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 1221 of Pub. L. 89–10 was classified to section 2791 of this title, prior to the general amendment of Pub. L. 89–10 by Pub. L. 103–382.

**§ 6372. Local Early Reading First grants**

**(a) Program authorized**

From amounts appropriated under section 6302(b)(2) of this title, the Secretary shall award

grants, on a competitive basis, for periods of not more than 6 years, to eligible applicants to enable the eligible applicants to carry out the authorized activities described in subsection (d) of this section.

**(b) Applications**

An eligible applicant that desires to receive a grant under this section shall submit an application to the Secretary, which shall include a description of—

(1) the programs to be served by the proposed project, including demographic and socioeconomic information on the preschool age children enrolled in the programs;

(2) how the proposed project will enhance the school readiness of preschool age children in high-quality oral language and literature-rich environments;

(3) how the proposed project will prepare and provide ongoing assistance to staff in the programs, through professional development and other support, to provide high-quality language, literacy, and prereading activities using scientifically based reading research, for preschool age children;

(4) how the proposed project will provide services and use instructional materials that are based on scientifically based reading research on early language acquisition, prereading activities, and the development of spoken vocabulary skills;

(5) how the proposed project will help staff in the programs to meet more effectively the diverse needs of preschool age children in the community, including such children with limited English proficiency, disabilities, or other special needs;

(6) how the proposed project will integrate such instructional materials and literacy activities with existing preschool programs and family literacy services;

(7) how the proposed project will help children, particularly children experiencing difficulty with spoken language, prereading, and early reading skills, to make the transition from preschool to formal classroom instruction in school;

(8) if the eligible applicant has received a subgrant under subpart 1 of this part, how the activities conducted under this subpart will be coordinated with the eligible applicant's activities under subpart 1 of this part at the kindergarten through grade 3 level;

(9) how the proposed project will evaluate the success of the activities supported under this subpart in enhancing the early language, literacy, and prereading development of preschool age children served by the project; and

(10) such other information as the Secretary may require.

**(c) Approval of local applications**

The Secretary shall select applicants for funding under this subpart based on the quality of the applications and the recommendations of a peer review panel convened under section 6363(c)(2) of this title, that includes, at a minimum, three individuals, selected from the entities described in clauses (ii), (iii), and (iv) of section 6363(c)(2)(A) of this title, who are experts in early reading development and early childhood development.

**(d) Authorized activities**

An eligible applicant that receives a grant under this subpart shall use the funds provided under the grant to carry out the following activities:

(1) Providing preschool age children with high-quality oral language and literature-rich environments in which to acquire language and prereading skills.

(2) Providing professional development that is based on scientifically based reading research knowledge of early language and reading development for the staff of the eligible applicant and that will assist in developing the preschool age children's—

(A) recognition, leading to automatic recognition, of letters of the alphabet, knowledge of letters, sounds, blending of letter sounds, and increasingly complex vocabulary;

(B) understanding that written language is composed of phonemes and letters each representing one or more speech sounds that in combination make up syllables, words, and sentences;

(C) spoken language, including vocabulary and oral comprehension abilities; and

(D) knowledge of the purposes and conventions of print.

(3) Identifying and providing activities and instructional materials that are based on scientifically based reading research for use in developing the skills and abilities described in paragraph (2).

(4) Acquiring, providing training for, and implementing screening reading assessments or other appropriate measures that are based on scientifically based reading research to determine whether preschool age children are developing the skills described in this subsection.

(5) Integrating such instructional materials, activities, tools, and measures into the programs offered by the eligible applicant.

**(e) Award amounts**

The Secretary may establish a maximum award amount, or ranges of award amounts, for grants under this subpart.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1222, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1553.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1222 of Pub. L. 89-10 was classified to section 2792 of this title, prior to the general amendment of Pub. L. 89-10 by Pub. L. 103-382.

**§ 6373. Federal administration**

The Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of Health and Human Services to coordinate the activities under this subpart with preschool age programs administered by the Department of Health and Human Services.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1223, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1554.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1223 of Pub. L. 89-10 was classified to section 2793 of this title, prior to the general amendment of Pub. L. 89-10 by Pub. L. 103-382.