



2023-2024 Professional Development Opportunity! LETRS: Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling - Volume 1 (units 1-4) or Volume 2 (units 5-8)

[LETRS](#) (<---watch this 'why LETRS' video!) is recommended by the MN Dept. of Ed. as professional development for staff working with students with reading disabilities or Dyslexia...hey! Let's just call it reading difficulties! It really all means the same thing. LETRS teaches educators the *science* of learning and struggling to read and *HOW* to respond as teachers!

The NLSEC is gathering 2 more cohorts of interested, dedicated certified staff (doesn't have to be just special education teachers) to work on completing LETRS Units 1-4 (Volume 1) and 5-8 (Volume 2) during the 2023-24 school year. Please review all of the information included in this flier and attachments. **This is not a quick, easy PD.** This opportunity requires a commitment for the entire school year, learning how to effectively teach students with learning difficulties in reading. But, the time invested is entirely worth it!

Each week of PD consists of 30-55 minutes of online learning, 15-30 minutes of reading the LETRS manual, and on average, 20-30 minutes of practicing what you've learned in *your* learning environment with *your* students. The cohort will also meet 4 times throughout the year for a 2 hr. debrief to review what they've learned about, answer questions they have, and prepare for the next unit.

NLSEC will pay for one special education certified teacher participant from each district. However, if you wish to register additional participants from your district - we will facilitate that registration process and invoice the districts for additional participants.

Cohort Schedule for the Year

SAVE the DATES!

- Early October 2023: Participants take LETRS pre-test
- Oct. 1- Nov. 28, 2023: Participants complete Unit 1 or Unit 5 (depending on which cohort they're in) on their own.
- **November 29th, 2023**, NLSEC Cohort will meet virtually for 2hrs. to debrief. Time TBD.
- November 30, 2023-January 30, 2024: Participants complete Unit 2 or Unit 6 on their own.
- **January 31st, 2024**. NLSEC Cohort will meet virtually for 2hrs. to debrief. Time TBD.
- Feb. 1-March 20, 2024: Participants complete Unit 3 or Unit 7 on their own.
- **March 21, 2024**, NLSEC Cohort will meet virtually for 2hrs. to debrief. Time TBD.
- March 22-May 20, 2023: Participants complete Unit 4 or Unit 8 on their own.
- **May 21, 2024** NLSEC Cohort will meet virtually for 2hrs. to debrief. Time TBD.
- May/June 2024: Participants take post-test

[I am SO in!](#) ( **click here to register with NLSEC and we'll take it from there!**)



“Teachers, not programs, teach students how to read”