

Let's Talk About

Lexia  
 **LETRS**<sup>®</sup>

# State of California

**977**

School Districts

**~10,600**

Public/Charter Schools

**2,606,287**

Students in TK/K-5

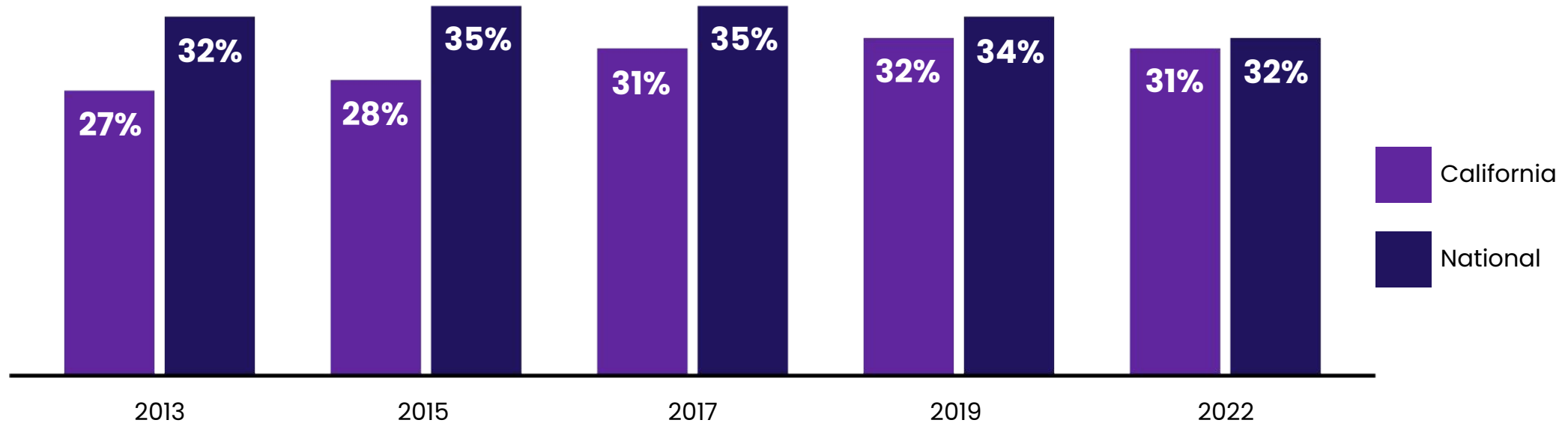
**146,521**

Total Public Teachers  
in TK/K-5

**319,004**

Total Public Teachers  
in TK/K-12

Timeline of NAEP 4th Grade Reading  
Percentage of Students at/above Proficient



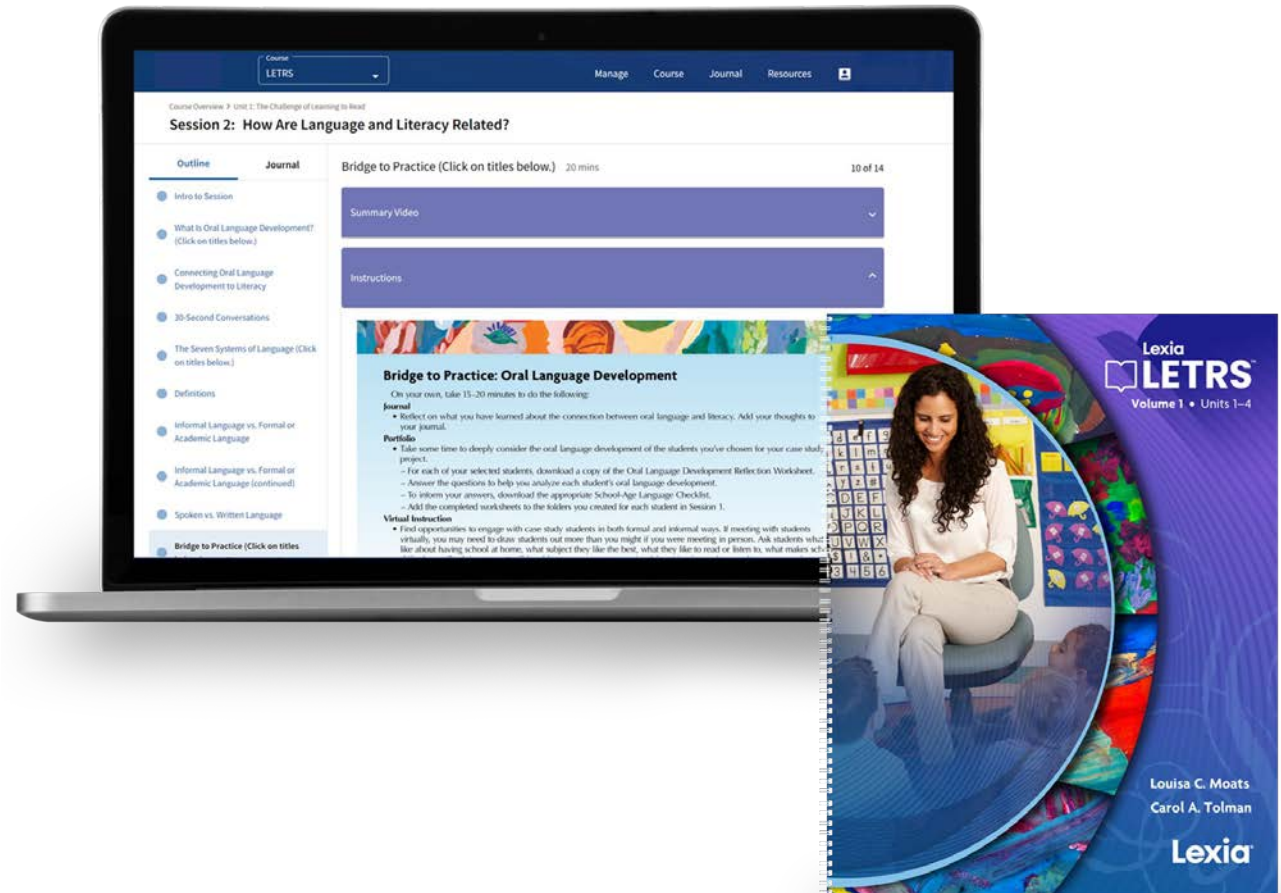
# Agenda

- What is Lexia® LETRS®?
- Why LETRS?
- How LETRS helps educators
- How LETRS helps Emergent Bilinguals
- How LETRS works with Lexia® Core5® Reading

# What is LETRS?

## Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling

- Comprehensive professional learning designed to help educators become experts in literacy and language instruction
- Decades of reading, writing, and language acquisition learning, distilled into a two-year, blended course
- A lasting investment in teachers' and their students' success





# Why LETRS?

## Because Teachers.

“**Teachers are the most important factor in student success.** Informed teachers can explain language to students, including sounds, spellings, and word meanings that might be confusing. They use lessons based on reading science and understand the process of learning to read and write.”

—**Louisa Moats**, Ed.D., Author of LETRS



## Teachers Matter

- Teachers are the Number 1 factor in student success
- Quality of teacher-child interactions is central to (pre-)kindergarten and elementary children's learning
- Helping children develop skills now enables an easier transition to later academic success

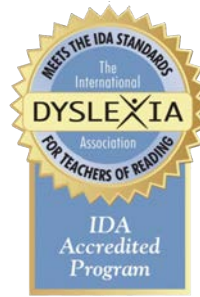
**When teachers know more,  
students can learn more.**



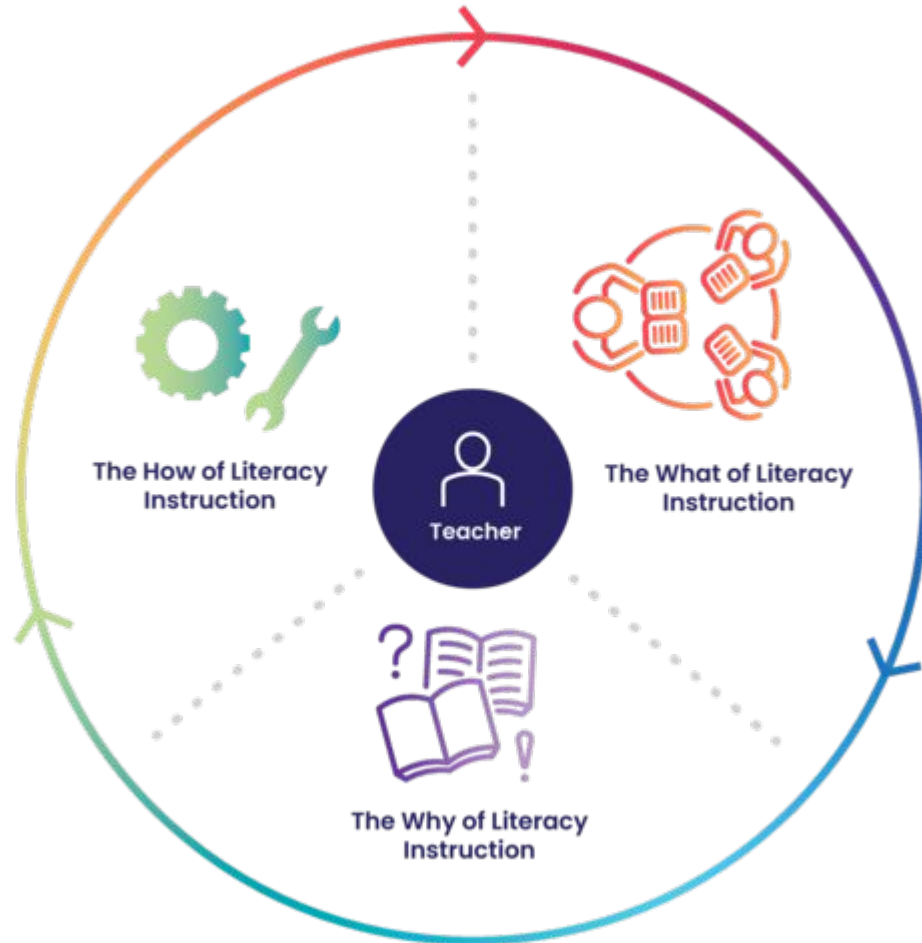
# How LETRS Helps Educators



- Provides the deep knowledge required to be literacy and language experts
- Offers opportunities to reflect on and apply learning
- Includes strategies and applications to reach EVERY student as they learn to read
- Accredited by the International Dyslexia Association®
- Earn Transfer or Graduate credits upon completion of requirements
- Flexible blended learning model takes teachers' time into account



# How LETRS Helps Educators



More than simple theories, LETRS offers the “bridge to practice” that enables teachers to transform their instruction and help every student learn to read



# How LETRS Helps Emergent Bilinguals

Each of the eight units in LETRS includes the knowledge needed to improve English literacy and language instruction for multilingual students.

## Language and literacy:

two sides of the same coin



Language  
Instruction

Literacy  
Instruction



# Specific ELL ELD instructional support in LETRS



- Unit 1 includes Spanish orthography and cognates, and how that aids in English language acquisition
- Unit 2 helps educators anticipate phonological substitutions common among Spanish speakers

**The transfer of oral language skills is a proven practice that will accelerate the acquisition of English learning while maintaining the home language.**

## Specific ELL ELD instructional support in LETRS

- Units 3 & 4 explore teaching phonemes, and specifically address how to teach the differences between Spanish and English phonemes (letter representation and more)
- Unit 5 helps educators determine what vocabulary to teach when and why
- Units 6 and 7 provide teachers with specific reading comprehension tools for ELLs, and re-emphasize the importance of oral language practice (with specific steps and strategies to help educators increase conversational routines in a supportive manner)
- Unit 8 explains the importance of explicit instruction around the rules and conventions of English, especially when other languages have a different syntax

## TESTIMONIAL

# “LETRS Transforms Multilingual Teaching”

“ [My district’s] Dual Language program, which I proudly represent, aims to have bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural students.

A lot of the information learned with **LETRS has helped me to better tailor my instruction to meet the diverse needs of my students.**

In my classroom, I have students who are at different points of language proficiency, which requires creating lesson plans that can help them achieve fluency—starting with finding ways to help them develop their potential.”

—**Viviana Quindio Camacho**, Dual Language Teacher





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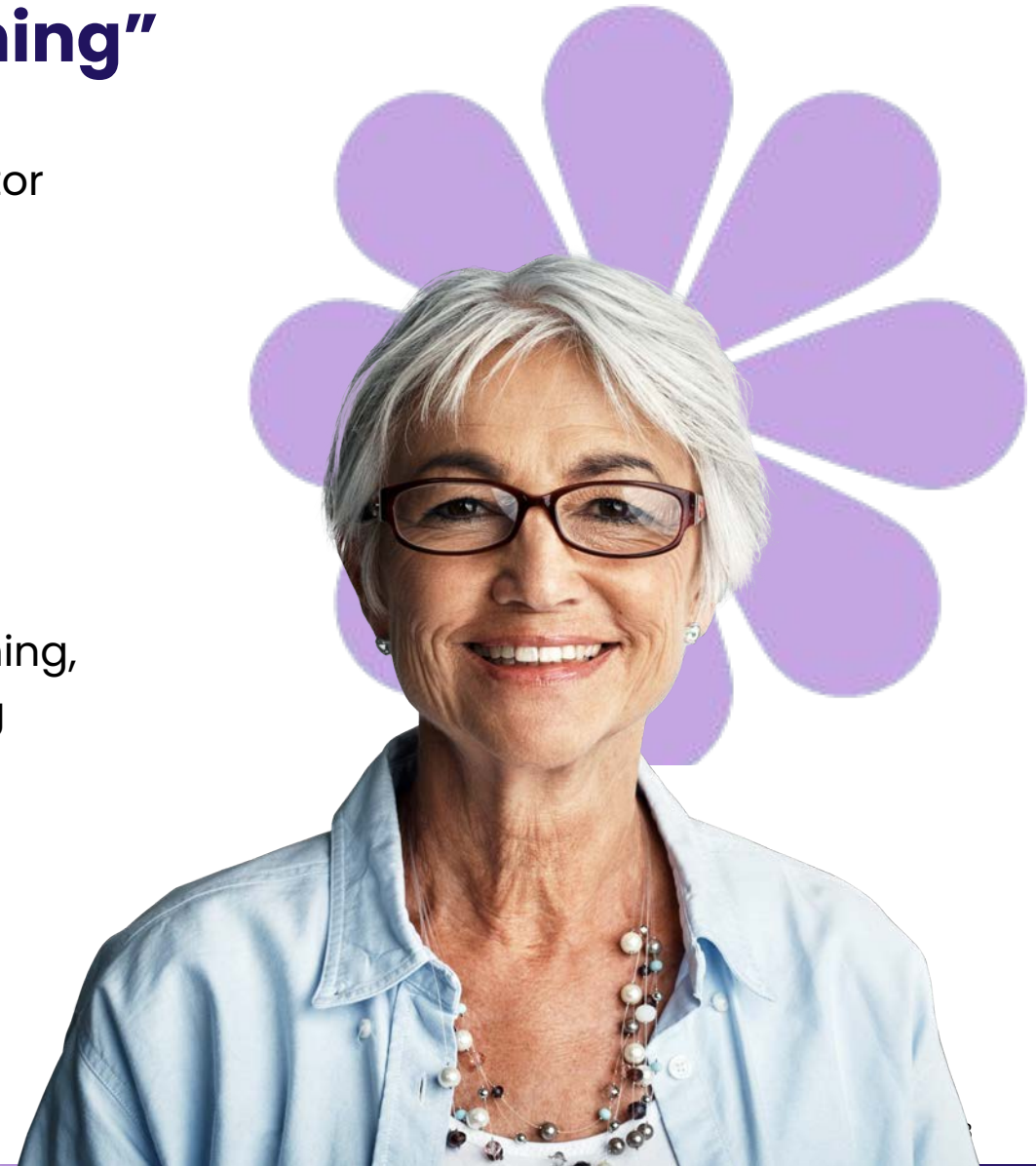
# “LETRS Transforms Multilingual Teaching”

“ As a second grade dual language immersion educator teaching Spanish and English literacy, **LETRS has impacted my daily practices.**

It has refreshed the why and the how of my previous linguistics knowledge and practices, and has proven that **the reading process is not only a kindergarten teacher responsibility.**

On the contrary, no matter what grade you are teaching, we are all able to foster students’ reading and writing abilities to help them increase their success.

—**Angelica Yepes Velosa**, Dual Language Teacher



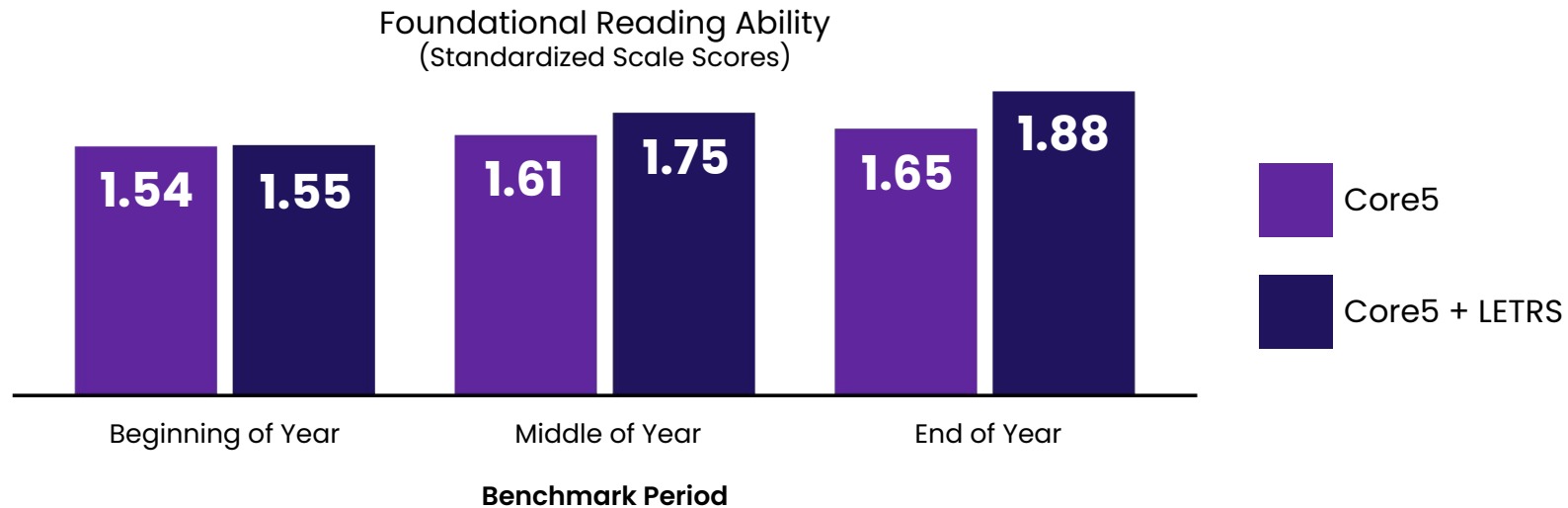
# We're already using Core5. Why add LETRS?



In a recent study, students who used Core5 and had a teacher that began or completed LETRS **scored higher in foundational reading ability** after one academic year compared to students who were only using Core5.

“Our ultimate goal is to have **all of our kids reading** . . . I think that's attainable. LETRS and [Core5], they have the tools and resources that we need to make that happen.”

—**Amber Elder**, ELA Curriculum Specialist





**This is really what professional development is supposed to feel like—**  
where everyone is engaged.

I wholeheartedly recommend LETRS training to other educators. It is one of the first trainings that I've seen, truly affects an entire organization, and allows us to have that common vocabulary and knowledge.

We are the experts, and we need to have that expertise and knowledge so that we can support children on their journey of becoming proficient readers, writers, and spellers."

—**Claire Krock**, Assistant Principal, Peabody Charter School, California



# Takeaways

- LETRS is an investment in teachers
- LETRS helps teachers become the best teachers they can be
- LETRS will help you achieve better student outcomes
- LETRS has explicit takeaways to support EB literacy and language
- LETRS improves Core5 effectiveness



**Thank you.**

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