OFFICE OF EARLY LEARNING NC Department of Public Instruction



PRC Funds FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

This Frequently Asked Questions document is intended to be a "living document". It will be periodically updated with more current information, additions, and clarifications as the implementation process moves forward.

FAQ Quicklinks:

Teacher Comensation Guidance for RtA Summer Reading Camps.pdf

<u>PRC 085 Definitions Chart</u>: This chart defines, links to legislation and provides clarification around the terms reading camp signing bonus, reading camp performance bonus, DPI reading performance bonus, and LETRS sub and stipends funds.

PRC Funds		
Questions	Answers	
When will districts receive funds?	PRC 085 Please reach out to your CFO or your DPI finance contact for information concerning release dates of funds.	
2. How can the funds in PRC spent?	As you begin to plan, please be reminded these funds are allocated for Literacy Intervention Plans aligned to the Science of Reading, Twice Retained supplemental tutoring, and Reading Camp signing and performance bonuses. PRC 085	
3. Where can I find the PRC 0 of Accounts?	The Chart of Accounts for PRC 085 has been updated on the NCDPI website as an additional reference.	
4. What PRC should be used RtA Reading Camp signing performance bonuses?	1	
5. What funding source shou for RtA Reading Camp?	PRC 016 funds will continue to be used for all costs associated with RtA reading camps.	



	(The only exception being the RtA Reading Camp signing and performance bonuses.) *All PRC016 funds must be used by October 31st each year.
6. Our Read to Achieve Summer Camp is scheduled for July. How can we use these funds for signing bonus if we haven't started the camp yet?	Refer to Teacher Comensation Guidance for RtA
7. Are the teacher stipends only allowed to be given if the training happens outside of the school day?	Yes, LETRS stipends can only be paid for attending LETRS 6 hour training outside of the instructional day and/or school calendar days.
8. Do RTA summer reading camps have to serve Grade 1?	No, updated SB387 legislation only states grades 2 and 3 must be served. Districts may determine if a reading camp will be offered to a 1st grade student demonstrating difficulty with reading development.
9. Are PRC 085 funds used to provide LETRS training subs/stipends for NC Pre-K teachers who teach in private childcare NC Pre-K classrooms or NC Pre-K Head Start programs not operated by the public schools?	No.
10. So the \$1200 bonus would apply only for grades 2 and 3? Is that correct?	Refer to Teacher Comensation Guidance for RtA
11. If we purchase instructional items for our teachers regarding sound walls etc support LETRS can this come from the Literacy Intervention Funds?	Any use of PRC 085 Literacy Intervention funds would have to be identified/stated within the Literacy Intervention Plan.
12. Can K-2 teachers receive the reading camp bonus?	Refer to Teacher Comensation Guidance for RtA
13. Are LEAs responsible to include LETRS sustainability planning for community based NC Pre-K as well?	No. DPI will work directly with NC Pre-K Local Contracting Agencies to enroll community based NC Pre-K teachers and site administrators in the LETRS for Early Childhood Educators.



19. Are signing bonuses required if a teacher meets the criteria?	Yes, legislation states that each local school administrative unit shall provide a signing bonus in an amount determined by the local board of education that is at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) to any teacher who meets all of the criteria. Please refer to the PRC 085 definitions chart for links to legislation and further information.
14. What funds should be used to pay for subs and stipends for LETRS training?	PRC 085 funds are to be used to pay for LETRS subs and stipends.
20. Can we use PRC 085 LETRS to pay for subs used on the state "make-up sessions"?	Yes, if included in the LIP.
22. If we want to include K and 1st grades, can we also give their teachers a signing bonus from 085?	Refer to Teacher Comensation Guidance for RtA
23. How do we pay a performance bonus from reading camp if it must be paid by June 30 and camp doesn't end until August?	Refer to Teacher Comensation Guidance for RtA
24. Can charter schools use the money dropped into PRC 036 for sign on bonuses?	Yes, PRC 036 are Literacy funds and may be used for bonuses if a charter chooses to conduct reading camp.
26. If a teacher doesn't work the whole camp but qualifies for the bonus, do they get the entire amount?	Refer to Teacher Comensation Guidance for RtA
28. Can districts use funds that are not from 085 for this purpose as long as the sign-on bonus of \$1200+ goes to the correct teachers?	Refer to Teacher Comensation Guidance for RtA
29. Can districts extend employment for RtA Summer Camp as we have in every year prior to Summer 2021, or will we be required to issue a	Refer to Teacher Comensation Guidance for RtA



separate contract as we were required to do last summer?	
30. Do LETRS sub/stipends need to be included in our LIP?	Yes, since turnover will need to be addressed.
31. When can we expect 016 funds to drop?	Please reach out to your CFO or your DPI finance contact for information concerning release dates of funds.
32. One of the requirements for teacher eligibility for the signing bonus is that a teacher must be associated with high growth in reading based on EVAAS data. How is that requirement to be applied in the current fiscal year?	High growth is equivalent to an index score of 1 and above.
33. Will teachers receive a bonus for students that qualify for a GCE exemption and attend reading camp?	A student with a GCE is eligible to attend reading camp for extra support. Since the student has a GCE, he/she would not take an alternative assessment at the end of reading camp because the student is already exempt from mandatory retention. Bonus money is only awarded for a student who was not proficient before camp (and did not qualify for a GCE) and then is proficient after reading camp.
34. Where do we include PRC 085 items in the literacy intervention plan?	This information should be included in LIP under core literacy instruction in the space provided for PRC 085 Budget Items.
35. Will PRC 085 carry over to the next fiscal year?	PRC 085 Funds will NOT carry forward. The funds must be spent by June 30 of the current fiscal year.

