

Literacy Incentive Aid

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Beginning in fiscal year 2013, school districts and charter schools qualify for literacy incentive aid. The aid consists of two parts, Proficiency Aid and Growth Aid, which are both based on 3rd and 4th grade students' performance on the state reading test called the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA).

Proficiency Aid rewards schools based on the percentage of their 3rd grade students that meet or exceed proficiency levels on the reading MCA. Aid equals \$530 times the average number of 3rd grade students meeting or exceeding proficiency levels on the MCA during the past three years.

$$\text{Proficiency Aid} = \$530 \times \text{average number of 3rd grade students at the school meeting or exceeding proficiency}$$

Growth Aid rewards districts based on the three-year average number of 4th grade students who make medium or high growth on the 4th grade reading MCA. Aid equals \$530 times the average number of 4th graders making medium or high growth on the reading MCA.

$$\text{Growth Aid} = \$530 \times \text{average number of 4th grade students at the school making growth standards}$$

$$\text{Literacy Incentive Aid} = \text{Proficiency Aid} + \text{Growth Aid}$$

Table 1:
Literacy Incentive Aid

Fiscal Year	Appropriation
2019	\$46,188,000
2018	46,482,000
2017	45,970,000
2016	44,540,000
2015	47,458,000

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(Minn. Stat. § 124D.98)