



 **Learning Ally**TM
Welcome Meeting

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School CORE Team's Guide to Implementation with Fidelity

Access

Launch

Progress Monitor

Succeed

- Understand Roles and Responsibilities of the CORE team
 - Establish CORE team ([District/School](#)) and regular meeting schedule
 - Ensure technical readiness
 - Communicate the value of Learning Ally to everyone in the school community
 - Identify and enroll participating educators
 - Identify and enroll participating students
 - Set expectations for participating educators
- Participate in professional learning
 - Educators begin with Launch Plans
- Review data at least monthly to determine:
 - # of students reading
 - # of students reading with frequency
 - Act on data to maximize reach and reading
- Celebrate students reading
 - Celebrate educators with students reading
 - Share results to spread the word

Technical Readiness

Students will use technology to access Learning Ally audiobooks anytime/anywhere. The IT specialist on the CORE team will:

- Review the [Learning Ally IT guide](#) to make sure all devices are ready for students.
- Confirm that educators are receiving email communications that provide ongoing support from Learning Ally and not blocked by email filters.

Link Reading App

Learning Ally's [reading app Link](#) is a powerful yet simple app solution that can transform the reading and learning experience for students who struggle to read. Members have access to over 80,000 human-read audiobooks including textbooks, fiction and classic literature through the reading app. To get started with Link:

On a smartphone, tablet or computer: Download this [quick guide](#) for simple steps on how to install and use Link.

Eligibility

Learning Ally supports struggling readers. At least 20% of your students may be eligible for Learning Ally:

- Review the [Eligibility guide](#) to familiarize yourself with the four categories of eligibility.
- Complete the [Goal Setting and Development Plan](#) to identify all students who qualify.
- Coordinate with the person on your team who is the Learning Ally Master Administrator to identify who at your school will be responsible for enrolling and certifying students.
- Get tips on [best practices for assigning roles](#) in Learning Ally's Educator Portal.

Build Awareness of Learning Ally

Before you register teachers for Learning Ally, please consider personalizing the following text to send as an introductory email to all teachers in your school so they know what to expect:

Subject: Our school has access to Learning Ally human-read audiobooks!

Dear Colleague, I'm excited to introduce you to Learning Ally, our school partner in helping struggling readers improve academic and social-emotional outcomes. When you receive your login credentials you will get a customized launch plan to help you get started. As a Champion of Reading Engagement/CORE team member, I'm here to help you if you have any questions. You can watch [this short video](#) to learn more.

How to Register Teachers

All teachers who interact with struggling readers can be registered for accounts with Learning Ally.

To add educators, you need to have an Administrator role in Learning Ally's Educator Portal.

Watch this [video](#) to learn about the different educator portal roles.

If you need to register more than 100 teachers, please contact your Learning Ally representative.

How to Register Students

At least 20% of your student population may be eligible for Learning Ally. Any registered educator can [add students](#) in the Learning Ally educator portal. Registered educators with the Certifier role are responsible for [certifying students](#) who are eligible for the Learning Ally solution.

If you need to register more than 100 students, please contact your Learning Ally representative.

Inform Parents about Learning Ally

Parents are key partners in the success of students who struggle to read. Learning Ally is an essential resource for students both in school and at home. Share the following resources with parents to ensure that they have what they need to support their child's learning:

- [Empower Parents to Support Reading Success with the Learning Ally Solution](#)
- Find even more resources by subscribing to the [Learning Ally YouTube channel](#)

Goals and Metrics

Learning Ally is committed to ensuring your students' success. Based on research and our experience with more than 10,000 schools, we know that students who [Read With Frequency](#) (at least 33 days) will see improved academic and social emotional outcomes. Throughout our partnership, you will have access to data which describes your students' progress. Use the following goals to guide your progress:

- Identify and register at least 20% of your school's total enrollment.
- Within the first 60 days get at least 10 students registered, 10 students reading and 2 students reading with frequency (at least 33 days).
- Continue to add students and encourage reading until you have achieved at least:
 - a. 20% of your students registered
 - b. 80% of your students reading
 - c. 20% of your students reading with frequency

Questions and Answers



Next Steps: Plan for Professional Learning Opportunities

Learning Ally is dedicated to supporting educator professional learning throughout our partnership. Links to supporting videos and resources are included on this page to support you as a CORE team member. Professional Learning for participating educators is embedded within their customized launch plans to support their learning. The following resources will help you should you have additional questions about professional learning or if you are interested in earning CEUs. You may wish to share these with participating teachers:

- [Sign up](#) to ask your questions in online office hours.
- [EdWeb webinars](#) for CEU credit
- [Learning Ally recorded webinars](#) to support professional learning
- [Learning Ally Blog](#) includes frequent posts on current events
- Connect with us on [social media](#) and follow our [YouTube channel](#) to share your success or ask questions.
- [Phone/email based customer support](#) by phone and/or online Monday - Friday between 8:30am - 6:00 PM EST/EDT

Helpful Links

- [CORE Team Get Started Page](#)
- [District CORE Sample agendas](#)
- [School CORE Sample Agendas](#)



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