

MEC Reading Corps + LETRS



Aligned Systems for Stronger Literacy Outcomes

Districts across Michigan are making major investments in Tier-1 literacy and LETRS—but the real question is: how do you ensure those investments translate into results for every student, especially those who are not yet meeting benchmarks?

This overview shows how [Michigan Education Corps Reading Corps](#) works alongside LETRS to turn strong instruction into measurable outcomes—providing targeted, high-impact tutoring that is fully aligned to your core curriculum and MTSS system.

If you're planning for 2026–27 and exploring how to accelerate reading growth while meeting emerging high-impact tutoring expectations, this is the connection that makes it all work.

What is MEC Reading Corps?	What is LETRS?
<p>Evidence-based, high-impact tutoring for K–3 students who are below benchmark, with explicit instruction and ongoing progress monitoring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1:1 or small group ($\leq 1:4$ ratio)• ~20-minute sessions, multiple times/week• Focus: phonological awareness, phonics, fluency• Data-driven, coached delivery• 68% of students exceed weekly growth targets	<p>Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) is professional learning that builds deep educator expertise in the science of reading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthens Tier-1 instruction district-wide• Builds assessment literacy and diagnostic skill• Grounds instructional decisions in structured literacy• Equips educators to identify and respond to skill gaps

How they work together

LETRS Builds:	Reading Corps Delivers:
Phonics progression knowledge	Practice on those exact skills
Assessment & diagnostic capability	Tutoring driven by the same screening data
Structured literacy routines	More time on task, repetition, and feedback
Instructional decision-making	Rapid, targeted response via 1:1 tutoring

Within MTSS

Reading Corps functions as a Tier-2 intervention: students identified through universal screening receive aligned, structured tutoring. Progress monitoring data flows back to inform both classroom instruction and intervention adjustments—creating a coherent system from core to support.

Why This Matters

- Maximizes impact of Tier-1 + LETRS investment
- Adds dedicated time on critical foundational skills
- Aligns classroom instruction and intervention
- Accelerates growth for students furthest behind

Reading Corps ensures your literacy strategy works for more students.

Planning for 2026–27?

Partner with MEC to implement Reading Corps aligned to your Tier-1 and meet high-impact tutoring expectations.

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