

Implementation of SB37

Early Literacy and Reading Support: Program Expansion and Implementation

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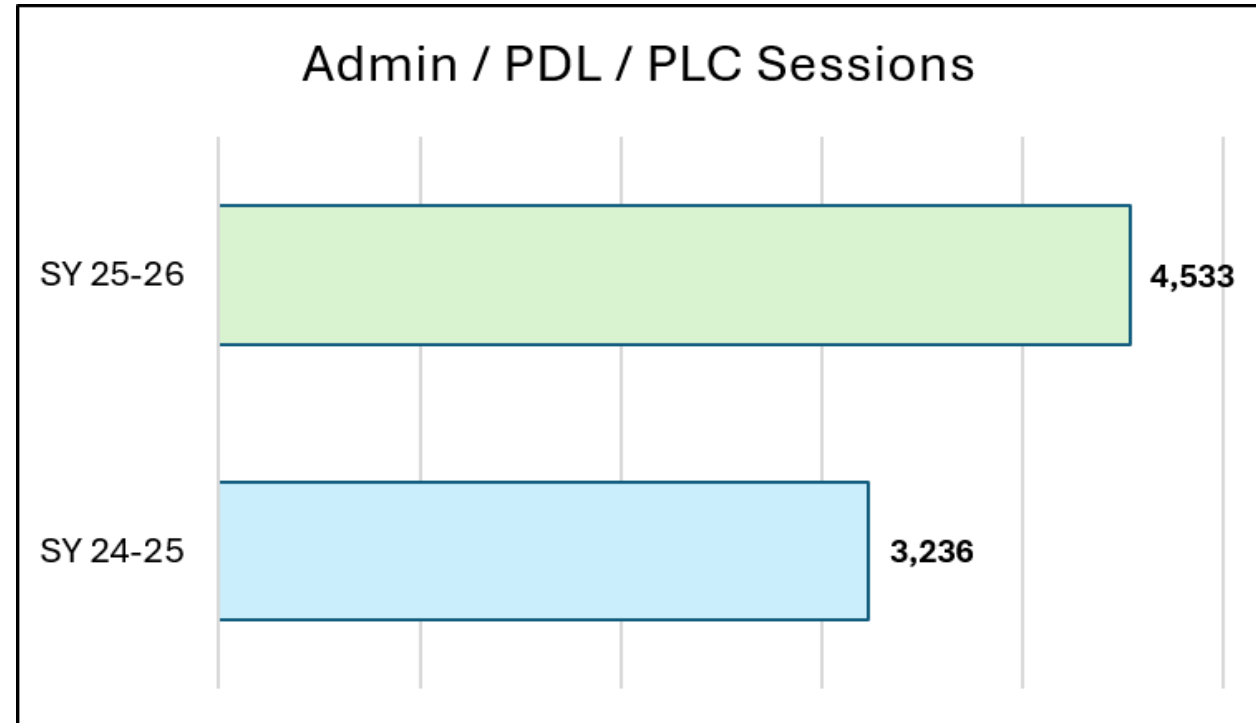
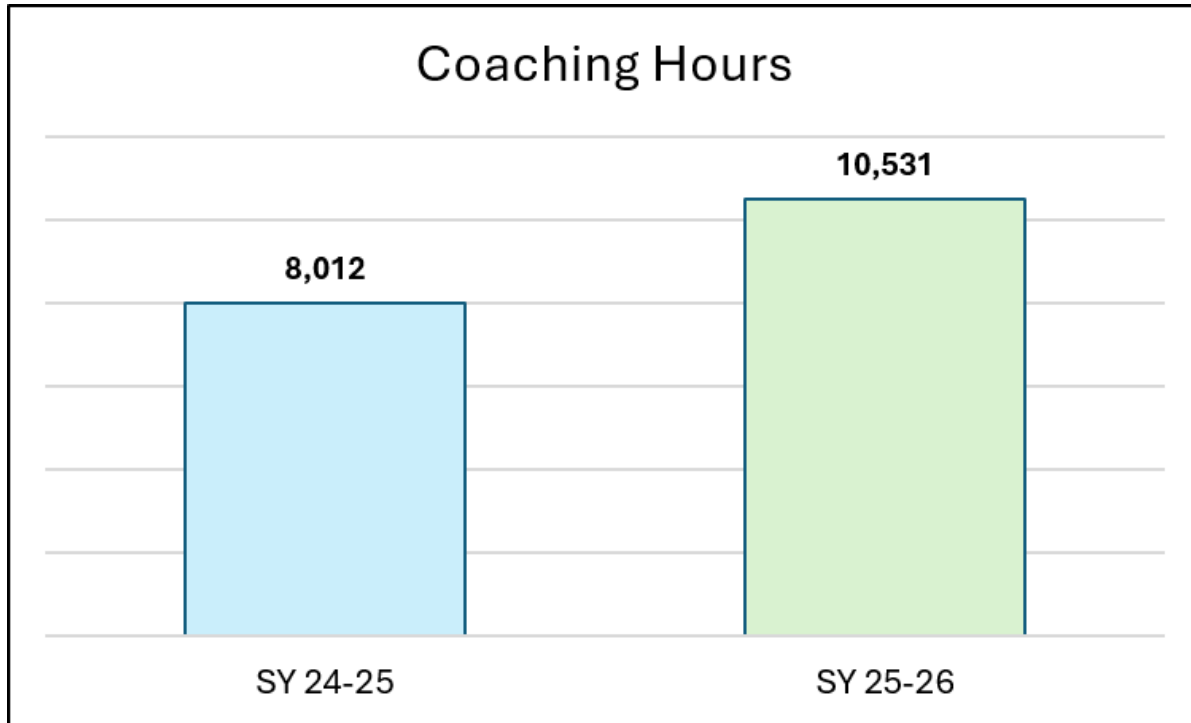
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SB 37 Early Adopters

Statewide Impact

- 102 coaches hired to support elementary schools
- 32 LEAs participating/113 schools receiving coaching support , representing the largest literacy coaching network in New Mexico's history
- Of the 111 schools identified in the bottom quartile for reading proficiency, 88 schools voluntarily committed to becoming early adopters of SB 37 literacy supports
- At Home Reading Plan Family Guide and Template released
- 75,735 K-3 Students will each receive 40 books each throughout the school year
- Biliteracy Professional Learning Series continues for the 3rd year

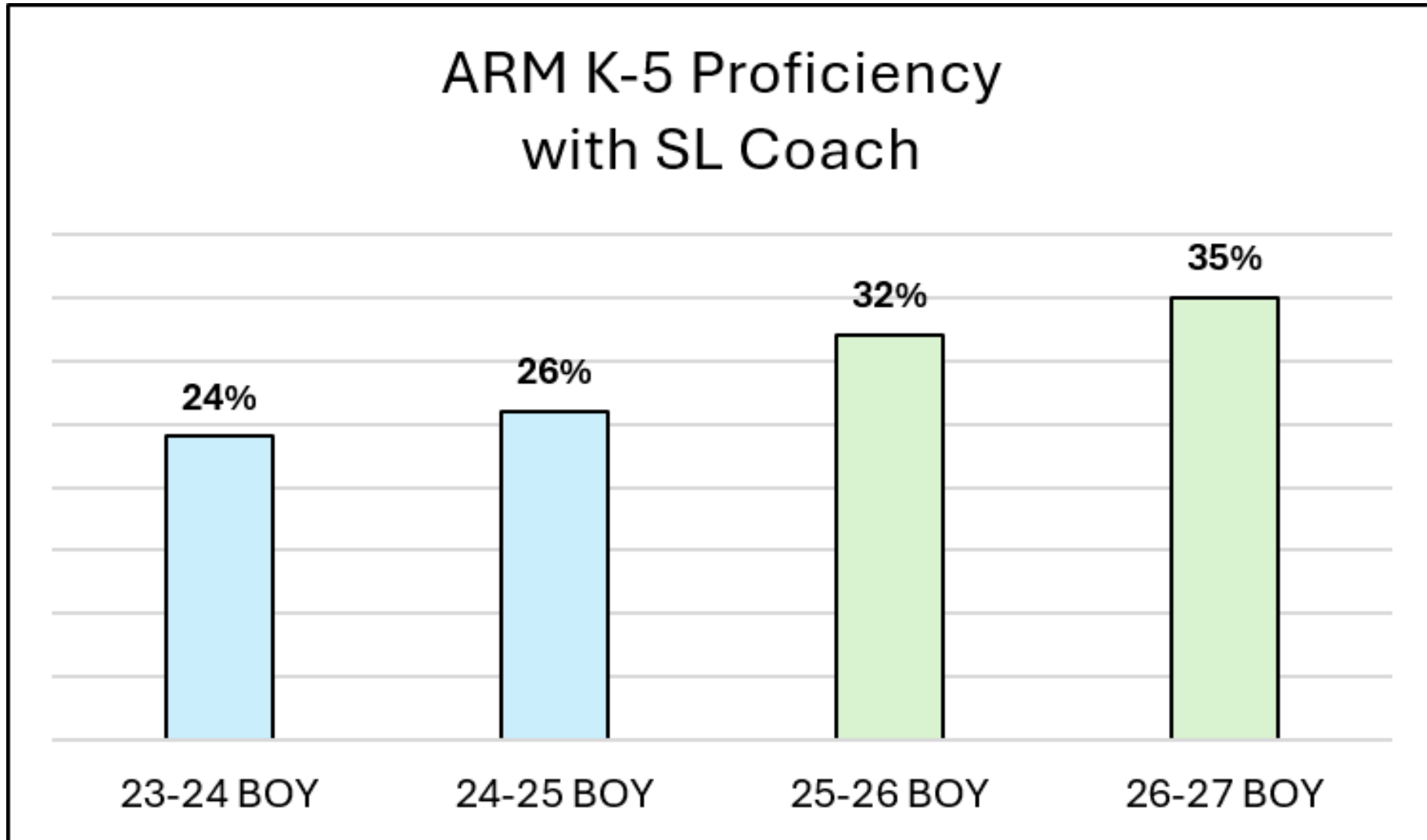
Increased Participation and Coaching Hours



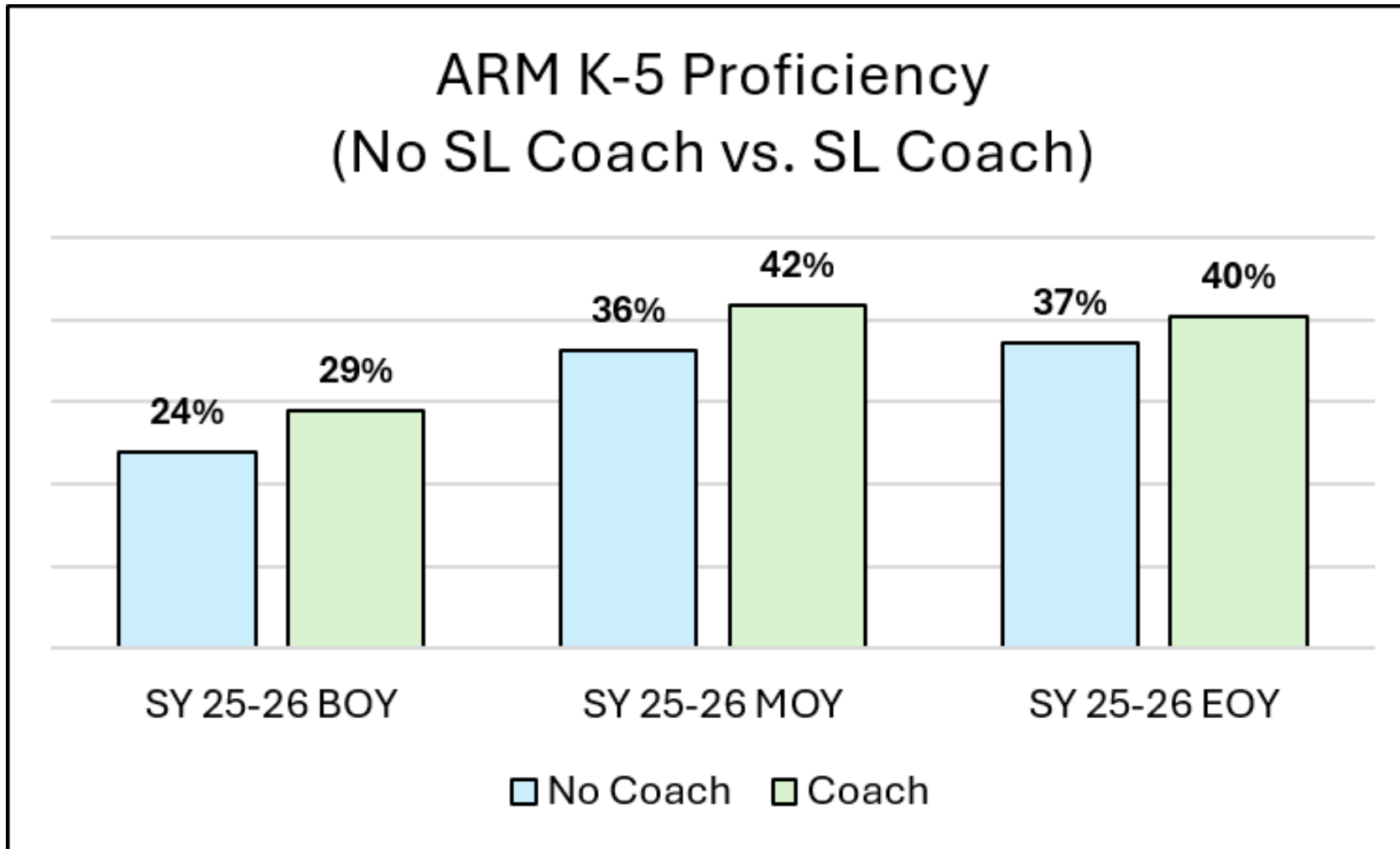
Literacy Coaching: Expanding Beyond Foundational Skills

School Year	Atmosphere	Literacy	Comprehension	Vocabulary	Writing	
24-25	4%	90%	1%	2%	2%	
25-26	5%	90%	1%	2%	2%	
26-27	1%	65%	7%	7%	20%	
Focus Area of Support Key						
Atmosphere	Classroom Atmosphere (Grouping Format, Class Engagement, Lesson Objective/Learning Target, Utilizes EA, Instructional Strategies, Data)					
Literacy	Application of Literacy Concepts (Phonological Awareness, Phonics, Fluency)					
Comprehension	Comprehension (High-quality instructional material, CLR, Before/During/After Reading Strategies)					
Vocabulary	Vocabulary and Oral Language (Vocabulary and Oral Language (Tier 1/2/3 w/ direct instruction, Sounds/Syllables/Spelling/Morphology, Listening/speaking, Word relationships, Discourse)					
Writing	Writing (Models of Foundational Writing Skills, Letter Formation, Word Spacing, Spell Words Accurately, Writing Response to Text, Using the Writing Process)					

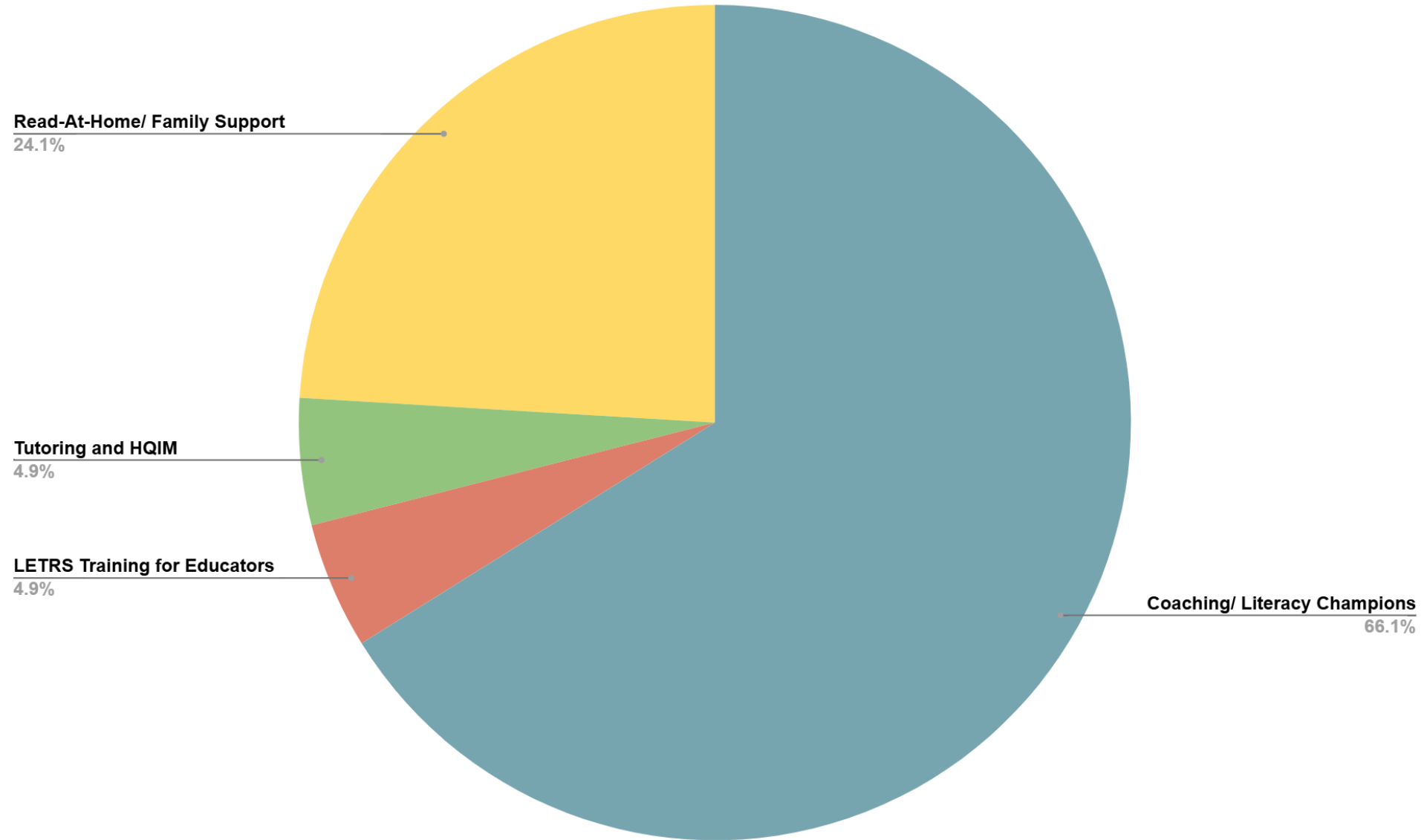
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Success in Rio Rancho



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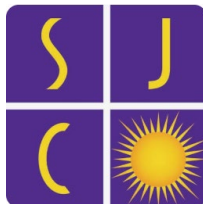
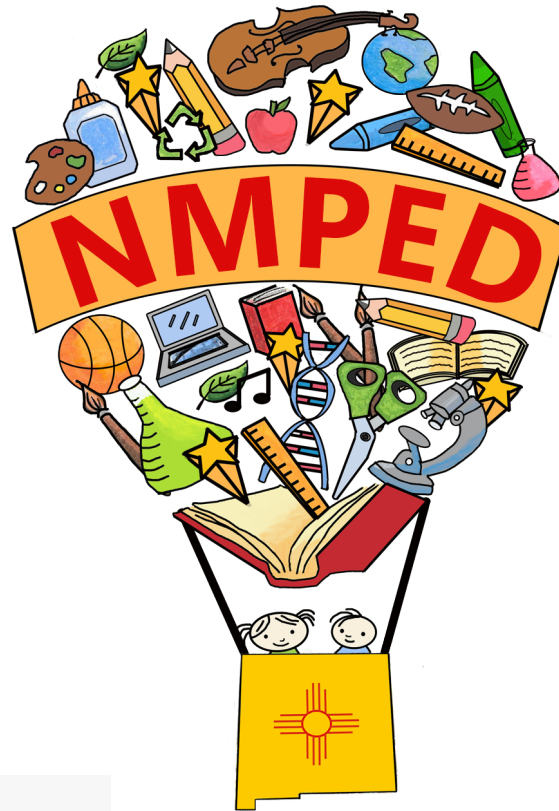


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Literacy Champion in EVERY Elementary School & Take-Home Literacy Packs

- A Literacy Champion is an identified educator within the school who helps colleagues understand literacy data, identify instructional priorities and coordinate support for students
- Literacy Champion implementation has reached 87% (419 of 484) of elementary schools statewide, with strong early participant feedback
- Read at Home Plan Templates have been released by NMPED
- All 75,735 K–3 students will receive at home reading kits in English, Spanish or Dine

Early Literacy and Reading Support: Coordinated Implementation with Educator Preparation Programs



Elevating Teacher Preparation:

HB 156 and SB 37 Integrating Science of Reading into Educator Preparation Programs

Summer 2026

Core Coursework and K-8 Educator Preparation Literacy Standards:

- **Literacy Standards:** Completion deadline for all common literacy education preparation standards
- **Embedded Biliteracy Standards:** Articulated fully as a core part of Educator Preparation Program (EPP) coursework
- **System Alignment:** Uniform course titles and explicit student learning objectives instituted across programs

Fall 2026

Strategic Support & Content Expertise:

- **Deans For Impact Collaboration:** Individualized program support delivered through specialized training modules
- **Rigorous Course Revision:** Targeted modifications ensuring absolute alignment with the science of reading
- **Collaborative Course Design and Standards:** Biliteracy experts and NM EPP professors setting common pedagogical expectations

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