Teaching Literacy in English to K–5 English Learners

THE CASE FOR CHANGE
- English learners lag behind their native English-speaking peers in reading achievement.
- Without strong reading skills, English learners will not be able to reach challenging standards.
- Many English learners are not being taught to read in English until they are able to speak in English.

WHEN
English learners can learn to read in English at a rate comparable to native English speakers

HOW
...they are taught to read in English from their first day of school (with or without reading instruction in their native language).

RECOMMENDED PRACTICES
- Schedule Peer Learning
- Provide Reading Interventions
- Develop Academic English
- Teach Vocabulary
- Screen & Monitor Progress

SUPPORTING CONDITIONS
- Staff Collaboration
- Common Planning Time
- Benchmarks and Progress Measures
- Core Reading Series
- Professional Development

DOING WHAT WORKS
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