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memo

To: Jim Porter, Chair, Dyslexia Task Force

From: KSDE Staff

CC: Private Institutions of Higher Education

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Re: Science of Reading Summary

Kansas teacher preparation colleges and universities offer 80 preparation programs covered by the Dyslexia Taskforce recommendations above.

The Praxis license tests for Elementary Education, Elementary Unified, and Reading Specialist licenses were examined by KSDE staff and determined to fully assess knowledge of the Science of Reading. Twenty-three programs identify the Praxis license test as the final assessment that teacher-candidates in these content areas are prepared regarding the Science of Reading.

An additional eight programs offered by private colleges use a Science of Reading exam developed by Kansas Independent College Association faculty as part of consortium courses for High Incidence and Secondary Methods.

At least six universities identified specific Science of Reading exams created within their programs to ensure candidate preparation. Most programs also identified one or multiple courses with multiple assignments and assessments which assess candidates' knowledge of the Science of Reading.

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