

Top Takeaways From the 2020 What's Hot in Literacy Report

Four of the **top five** most critical issues in literacy education, as selected by respondents, relate directly to **instructional issues**.

1. Building Early Literacy Skills Through a Balanced Approach That Combines Both Foundational and Language Comprehension Instruction	51%
2. Determining Effective Instructional Strategies for Struggling Readers	42%
3. Increasing Equity and Opportunity for All Learners	40%
4. Increasing Professional Learning and Development Opportunities for Practicing Educators	39%
5. Providing Access to High-Quality, Diverse Books and Content	36%

Respondents say that **variability of teacher knowledge and effectiveness** is the greatest barrier to **equity in literacy education**.

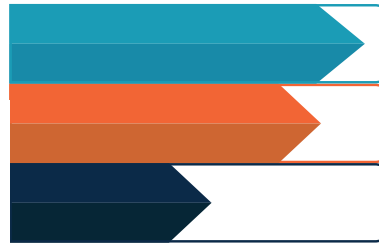
60%

say **TEACHER PREP PROGRAMS ARE NOT EQUIPPING TODAY'S EDUCATORS** with the skills they need for effective reading instruction

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AREA IN WHICH RESPONDENTS WANT MORE SUPPORT is addressing inequity

Respondents place high value on **the role of research** in literacy instruction and say they would like more support in **staying current** on the latest findings.



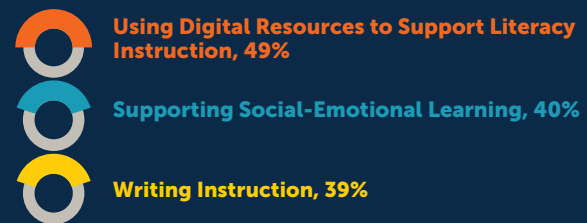
93% believe **research is the backbone** of effective literacy instruction

89% believe staying abreast of literacy research is a **responsibility of literacy educators**

44% point to this as an area in which they **need more support**

Using digital resources is the topic in which most **respondents want more professional development** (PD), an interesting finding considering digital literacy is a topic in which respondents are split when it comes to attention received.

TOP AREAS IN WHICH RESPONDENTS WANT PD:



Respondents believe that the right to literacy **must be protected** from the beginning.

98%

of respondents believe **LITERACY IS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT**

96%

of respondents believe all children deserve access to a **FREE, HIGH-QUALITY PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** that lays a foundation for literacy development

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