



**Approval of Rule 6A-6.0532, F.A.C.,  
New Worlds Reading Initiative**

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# New Worlds Reading Initiative (NWRI)

<https://newworldsreading.com/>

- UF Lastinger Center is the administrator and works with districts for effective implementation.
- Eligible K-5 students receive free books on a monthly basis until the student is promoted to sixth grade or the parent opts out of the program.
- Eligible students include K-5 students with a substantial reading deficiency or who scored below a Level 3 on the preceding year's statewide ELA assessment.
- Distribution of books begins no later than October and continues through at least June.
- Over 161,000 students currently enrolled.



## NWRI Rule 6A-6.0532, F.A.C.

- Solidifies UF Lastinger Center as the administrator of the program.
- Delineates **school district responsibilities** for effective implementation of the program.
  - Identify point of contact as the NWRI liaison between the district and the administrator, and between the district and charter schools.
  - Within 30 days of identifying a student who is eligible for the initiative provide parent/guardian with:
    - Information on the initiative using marketing materials developed by the administrator;
    - Information on parent training modules and other reading engagement resources available through the administrator; and
    - The enrollment link to register.
  - Coordinate with the administrator for monthly book delivery, which must begin no later than October and continue through at least June.

## District Responsibilities...continued

- Coordinate with each charter school it sponsors to identify eligible students, notify parents, and raise awareness of the initiative.
- Partner with nonprofit organizations to raise awareness of the initiative through the following means:
  - The student handbook and the read-at-home plan under section [1008.25\(5\)\(c\)](#), F.S.;
  - A parent or curriculum night or separate initiative awareness event at each elementary school; and
  - Partnering with the county library to host awareness events, which should coincide with other initiatives such as library card drives, family library nights, summer access events, and other family engagement programming.



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