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**Georgia Foundation for Early Care + Learning and  
Georgia Foundation for Public Education name grantees for  
Early Literacy Alignment Mini Grants 2025**

*Grants Support Partnerships Between Child Care Providers and Elementary Schools*

**Atlanta, GA. (April 14, 2025)** - The Georgia Foundation for Early Care + Learning, in collaboration with the Georgia Foundation for Public Education, has selected the grantees of the Early Literacy Alignment Mini Grant (ELA Mini Grant) 2025.

This grant program, which provides up to \$5,000 in funding to each recipient, fosters strategic partnerships between public elementary schools and local child care providers to strengthen early literacy practices.

The ELA Mini Grant supports collaborative efforts to align innovative literacy practices across educational settings. By focusing on professional learning and alignment, the grant promotes smoother transitions for children moving from prekindergarten into kindergarten. This initiative ensures that rising kindergarten students have a more consistent, effective learning experience from the start of their educational journey.

The ELA Mini Grant is funded through the generous contributions to the Georgia Foundation for Early Care + Learning and the Georgia Foundation for Public Education, supported by the PEACH Education Tax Credit program. These funds are critical in enabling innovative collaborations and advancing the literacy development of Georgia's children.

The following organizations are recipients of the 2025 Early Literacy Alignment Mini Grant:

Round 1 Partners:

- Candler County Schools: Metter Elementary School
- Evans County Schools: Claxton Elementary School
- Hancock County Schools: Marvin E. Lewis Elementary School
- Madison County Charter Schools: Danielsville Elementary, Colbert Elementary
- Meriwether County Schools: Unity Elementary School
- Mitchell County Schools: Mitchell County Elementary School
- Terrell County Schools: Terrell County Elementary School

Round 2 Partners:

- Laurens County Schools: East Laurens Primary, Northwest Laurens Elementary, Southwest Laurens Elementary
- Brantley County Schools: Nahunta Primary School, Hoboken Elementary School
- Thomasville City Schools: Harper Elementary School, Jerger Elementary School, Scott Elementary School
- Gwinnett County Public Schools
- Calhoun County Schools
- Brooks County Schools: North Brooks Elementary School
- Washington County: Ridge Road Primary School

These ELA Mini Grant recipients will implement their programs over six months from March 2025 to August 2025. In this time, the grantees will engage in various professional development activities and will share their project's progress and outcomes with other schools and providers.

### **About the Georgia Foundation for Early Care + Learning**

The Georgia Foundation for Early Care + Learning supports initiatives that improve early care and education for children in Georgia, particularly for those from low-income backgrounds.

Through strategic partnerships, grants, and professional development, the foundation works to enhance the quality of early learning experiences across the state.

### **About the Georgia Foundation for Public Education**

The Georgia Foundation for Public Education exists for the single purpose of supporting educational excellence for students in Georgia. The GFPE supports and maintains the excellence of Georgia's schools through donations and the PEACH Education Tax Credit.

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