

# Ohio Department of Education Approves Footsteps2Brilliance as Evidence-Based Solution for Accelerating Literacy Success

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-- Footsteps2Brilliance®, a leader in early childhood bilingual [literacy software](#), has been officially approved by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce as an evidence-based reading intervention program for PreK through 3rd grade. This designation recognizes Footsteps2Brilliance as a high-quality instructional solution that meets Ohio's rigorous Science of Reading standards and supports the state's Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) framework for literacy development.



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*Ilene Rosenthal, Founder and CEO*

The approval places Footsteps2Brilliance on the state's Approved List of Evidence-Based Reading Intervention Programs, empowering districts and schools across Ohio to integrate the platform into their literacy initiatives with confidence. This list provides educators with trusted, research-backed solutions to improve student reading outcomes and accelerate literacy development.

"We are honored to receive this recognition from the Ohio Department of Education," said Ilene Rosenthal, Founder and CEO of Footsteps2Brilliance. "Our evidence-based, engaging, bilingual literacy solutions empower educators, inspire students, and strengthen school-to-home literacy connections. Research shows that students using Footsteps2Brilliance for just 45 minutes a week triple their literacy gains."

## A Proven Solution for Literacy Success

Used in classrooms nationwide, Footsteps2Brilliance is designed to support Ohio's Early Literacy Priorities by integrating explicit and systematic phonics, phonemic awareness, reading

comprehension, and assessment-driven literacy strategies. The program's inclusion on Ohio's approved list gives educators a research-validated tool to close early literacy gaps, support struggling readers, and promote equitable access to high-quality literacy instruction.

With interactive eBooks, phonics-based games, and AI-powered literacy insights, Footsteps2Brilliance delivers a multisensory approach to literacy learning, making reading engaging and accessible for all students, including English learners and students with special needs. The platform's data-driven instruction empowers educators to monitor progress in real time and personalize interventions to meet each student's unique needs.

#### Aligning with Ohio's Literacy Initiatives

As an approved vendor, Footsteps2Brilliance serves as a powerful resource in supporting Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Additionally, the Footsteps2Brilliance Model Innovation City license is uniquely designed to enhance Ohio's Readiness for Kindergarten Programs by equipping families with essential literacy resources even before their children begin school.

#### Next Steps for Ohio Schools

Footsteps2Brilliance is featured on the Ohio Department of Education's website, making it easy for school districts and superintendents to access program details and implementation resources. Schools and districts looking to integrate Footsteps2Brilliance into their literacy initiatives can visit [Footsteps2Brilliance.com](https://www.footsteps2brilliance.com) or reach out to [support@footsteps2brilliance.com](mailto:support@footsteps2brilliance.com) for more information.

#### About Footsteps2Brilliance®

Footsteps2Brilliance® is a leading provider of bilingual early literacy solutions, supporting children from birth through third grade. By aligning cutting-edge technology with community-driven strategies, the company partners with schools and cities to close achievement gaps and empower the next generation of learners.

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