

§ 115C-83.7A. Reading camps.

- (a) Reading camps shall meet the following requirements:
 - (1) Offer at least 72 hours of reading instruction to yield positive reading outcomes for participants.
 - (2) Be taught by compensated, licensed teachers selected based on demonstrated student outcomes in reading proficiency or in improvement of difficulties with reading development.
 - (3) Allow volunteer mentors to read with students at times other than during the 72 hours of reading instruction.
 - (4) **(Effective July 1, 2022, and applicable beginning with the 2022-2023 school year)** Be provided as outlined in the local school administrative unit's literacy intervention plan.
- (b) Each local school administrative unit shall provide a signing bonus in an amount determined by the local board of education that is at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) to any teacher who meets all of the following criteria:
 - (1) Is associated with high growth in reading based on EVAAS data.
 - (2) Was awarded a reading performance bonus administered by the Department of Public Instruction.
 - (3) Accepts employment to provide instruction during a reading camp.
- (c) Each local school administrative unit shall provide a reading camp performance bonus to a teacher who provided instruction at a third grade reading camp in a per-student amount determined by the local board of education that is at least one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for each student not demonstrating reading proficiency assigned to that teacher who demonstrates reading proficiency on an alternative assessment at the end of the reading camp.
- (d) Notwithstanding G.S. 135-1(7a), any bonus awarded pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this section is not compensation under Article 1 of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes, the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System.
- (e) A teacher who has earned a reading performance bonus and who provides instruction throughout a full reading camp shall be deemed to have completed two of the continuing education credits related to literacy required by G.S. 115C-270.30(b)(2). (2021-8, s. 7(b), (c).)