

## Literacy Grant

March 2012 through December 2014

The purpose of the Texas Literacy Initiative (TLI) grant is to improve school readiness and success in the areas of language and literacy for disadvantaged students in targeted school district, including their associated Early Childhood programs. Districts will use the model of Literacy Lines to implement the Texas State Literacy Plan (TLSP). A Literacy Line is a vertical collaborative among feeder-pattern campuses within an LEA and includes the Early Childhood programs in the district.

Objectives of the Texas Literacy Initiative grant are to:

1. Increase the oral language and pre-literacy skills of participating preschool children;
2. Increase the performance of participating students in K-2 on early reading assessments;
3. Increase the percentage of participating students who meet or exceed proficiency on the State English Language Arts assessments in grades 3-12;
4. Increase the use of data and data analysis to inform all decision-making in participating districts, campuses, classrooms, and early learning settings; and,
5. Increase the implementation of effective literacy instruction through Literacy Lines

Thirty districts in the state were awarded the literacy grant. Currently, the grant dollars have been extended through December 2014.

Each of the thirty districts was asked to create a picture representation of their literacy lines. Arnulfo Mata, a student with Bartlett ISD, created Bartlett ISD's representation.