

## Oklahoma AIM Pathways August 7<sup>th</sup> Kick-Off Registration Meeting:

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE), Office of Special Education Services (SES) has partnered with the AIM Institute for Learning & Research to provide a course for educators to earn an "AIM Pathways to Proficient Reading Dyslexia Focus" micro-credential badge accredited by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA). We are also offering a general track containing the same content as the micro-credential. However, the general track will **not** result in a micro-credential badge. The general track does **not** require assignments with the rigor similar to a college course as the micro-credential track.

Prior to applying for this course paid by OSDE, there will be an **in-person meeting** on August 7, 2024, to explain the difference between the "general" track and the "micro-credential" track. The meeting will be held at OSDE in Room 215 at the Oliver Hodge Building, 2500 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105. There will be four (4) sessions, each lasting only one (1) hour. **Please only sign up for one session since these are repeated sessions.** At the end of each session, participants will make the determination to apply for either the "general" track or the "micro-credential" track through an online process. Please bring a device to complete this application.

Each applicant must be employed with a public school district and provide a letter on school letterhead from an administrator indicating employment for the 2024-2025 school year. As applications are reviewed and selected, priority will be given to individuals currently teaching in the area of reading. For example, priority will be given to positions such as special education teachers, Title I reading teachers, reading specialists/interventionists, speech-language pathologists, and lower elementary general education teachers, etc. There will be a limited number of individuals selected to enroll in these courses due to limited funds. Completion of the micro-credential course, including submitting all course assignments on time, the individual will receive a \$2,000 stipend. The general track will **not** receive a stipend, but the course will be paid by OSDE.

Please register as soon as possible since there is limited space available.