

How OL&LA Compares: A Smarter Approach to Structured Literacy Professional Learning



The Online Language & Literacy Academy (OL&LA) offers a complete, scalable professional learning system that helps educators make Structured Literacy accessible to all learners—including Multilingual Learners, English variety speakers, students with dyslexia, and more.

Use this chart to compare OL&LA courses with other Structured Literacy professional learning programs and see how it helps teachers reach more learners in less time.



	OL&LA	Other Structured Literacy Programs
Complete professional learning system	Elementary, Secondary, and Cohort Leader courses support teachers and leaders at every level	May have separate courses without clear connection or pathway
Faster results in 18 weeks	Deep and comprehensive learning completed in just 18 weeks so educators see impact sooner	Programs may require multiple years , which can delay results and momentum
Designed for how adults learn best	Modular, reflective, and job-embedded content that fits educators' real-world schedules and needs	Formats may be less flexible, making it harder to engage busy educators
Immediate classroom use	Course structure allows teachers to apply new skills right away	Application may require separate training days, slowing classroom impact
Language at the center	Designed with integrated language development , recognizing that literacy grows through language for all students.	Language may be taught separately, which can limit its impact
Sustained support with virtual-live coaching	Ongoing virtual-live coaching and leadership development help maintain and grow instructional improvements	Follow-up support is often limited or optional, which can risk backslide
Flexible and scalable	Easy to onboard whole schools or districts with consistent quality and support	Scalability may vary and often requires significant customization

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