

About This Guide

This guide was prepared to support student success in literacy. In particular, it focuses on boys' literacy.

Based on an international review of effective practices, the guide is intended to stimulate discussion of this important issue among educators in Manitoba and to provide practical and effective strategies that teachers across the province can put to use in the classroom, both immediately and over the longer term.

Who the guide is for

This guide is intended for teachers, principals, and other professionals in the field of education at the elementary or secondary level. It will be of particular interest to those who are developing and delivering literacy programs.

What the guide contains

This guide offers a rich source of practices and strategies that are being used in successful literacy programs for boys around the world and that educators in Manitoba can draw on to create a stimulating and engaging learning environment for both boys and girls. In this guide, you will find:

- supports, information, tips, and ideas conveniently organized into distinct categories;
- a wide variety of sources that you can refer to for more in-depth exploration of particular concepts or topics.

How to use this guide

This guide is structured around thirteen "Strategies for Success", which are listed in the table of contents. These strategy sections attempt to distil for educators the most important research on how boys learn to read and write and the most effective instructional approaches and strategies for helping boys enjoy learning to read and write well. We suggest that you review the list of "Strategies for Success" in the table of contents to pinpoint those areas most relevant to your immediate needs, and read the rest as time permits and need dictates. The guide is designed for browsing!

To make the guide as useful and accessible as possible, the following four categories of information have been singled out for special treatment. Each section is signalled in the guide by means of the icon shown alongside each heading below.



Quick facts

Background information and research findings



Try it now!

Practical suggestions that you can implement quickly and easily



Best practices

Effective instructional strategies and approaches that you may wish to explore



Insight

Insights from the literature about boys' literacy development and literacy instruction for boys

A list of references and resources for further reading is provided at the end of the guide.