



LR! School Criteria

Liberia Reads! schools must:

- Commit to limiting class size to 30 for K-2, 1st, 2nd, 3rd grades.
- Commit to 2 - 2 1/2 hours each day at the start of the day for Liberia Reads!
- Attempt to select teachers who can read third grade textbooks without difficulty and are likely to stay in the school.
- Commit to 4 teachers (K-2 - 3rd grade) and principal taking 65-hour training class the first year and 20-hour refresher training in year two.
- Commit to keeping teachers in the grade for which they are trained, and if an LR! teacher leaves the school, commit to immediately notifying LR! and working with ALE to train the new teacher.
- Commit to safeguarding all teaching materials and books for use in multiple years.
- Principal must commit to ensuring that teachers fully follow the teaching manual by monitoring them and doing at least one classroom observation per teacher every marking period.
- Commit to attending and participating in meetings and activities of Association of Literacy Educators (ALE), the registered Liberian NGO of LR! schools and to paying all ALE dues.
- Commit to the following costs:
 - Participants' transportation for all trainings
 - Future teachers' transportation and meals if they are replacing teachers already trained by LR! (training will be free)
 - ALE dues – LD1,000 per school per year and LD100 per teacher per month; also agreed upon costs of any activities and school competitions.
 - Full program cost of US\$2,700.00*, which includes all LR! books and instructional materials for K2-3rd grade; Liberia Reads To Learn (LRL) reading kit of 450 leveled passages for 4th grade and up; participants' meals for the first LR! training, first refresher training, and first LRL training and refresher training; the LR! curriculum; all trainers and training materials; and follow up monitoring and coaching in the schools. (See "What It Means To Be a Liberia Reads! School")
 - Replacement of lost or stolen books or materials, available from ALE.

*Note: Schools may apply for status as scholarship schools if they are totally self-supported without external assistance. Scholarship school rate for 2019-20 is US\$650.00.