

## **Ordinance 2024/25-59**

**Section 8-7.1:1. Employment of reading specialist; advisors and intervention services; training and licensure requirements.** A. The School Board employs at minimum one reading specialist for each 550 students in kindergarten through grade five and one reading specialist for each 1,100 students in grades six through eight. The School Board, upon determination of greatest need, may assign reading specialists to specific grade levels.

B. Reading specialists serve as advisors on dyslexia and related disorders. Reading specialists can provide the reading intervention services required by Virginia Code § 22.1-253.13:1 and identified in Policy 8-7.1:2 entitled Reading Intervention Services.

C. Each reading specialist employed by the School Board has the necessary training, understanding, and knowledge required by Virginia law and, when applicable, the required licensure issued by the Department of Education.

**Legal Authority** – Virginia Code §§ 22.1-1, 22.1-253.13:1, 22.1-253.13:2, 22.1-253.13:6, 22.1-298.1, and 22.1-299.7:1. 1950, as amended.