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The Kemper Foundation Awards Fall 2026 Read Conmigo Educator Grants *Supporting Dual-Language Educators Across Five States*

CHICAGO, October 16, 2026 — [The Kemper Foundation](http://TheKemperFoundation.org), the philanthropic partner of [Kemper Corporation](http://KemperCorporation.com), announced today it has awarded Read Conmigo Educator Grants to support teachers in the 2026-2027 school year across Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, and Texas. Since 2022, the program has awarded more than \$1.3 million to educators supporting dual-language education. A full list of the Fall 2026 Read Conmigo Educator Grant recipients is available [here](#).

[Read Conmigo Educator Grants](#) promote bilingualism and biliteracy for elementary students in Spanish-English dual-language programs in public and charter schools. Each year, The Kemper Foundation awards up to 100 grants of \$3,000 each to educators, funding classroom resources and professional development. In 2026, the program expanded to include teachers in Chicago, Houston, McAllen, and Phoenix, in addition to Dallas, Greater Los Angeles, and Miami.

“Teachers understand what their students need to build strong literacy skills, grow in confidence, and succeed,” said Barbara Ciesemier, President of The Kemper Foundation. “These grants give educators the flexibility to bring those ideas to life through high-quality dual-language instruction and resources that reflect the students and communities they serve.”

As one of the few private initiatives dedicated to advancing dual language education, the program has demonstrated measurable impact, with educators reporting improvements in reading comprehension, vocabulary development, and confidence using a second language. In the most recent academic year, 87% of grant recipients reported improvements in students’ Spanish-language skills, and 80% reported improvements in biliteracy development.

Since launching the Educator Grants in 2022, Read Conmigo has expanded its support for dual-language education. With the addition of [School Impact Grants](#) in 2025, that support has extended beyond individual classrooms to school-wide initiatives, giving educators and school leaders more opportunities to strengthen dual-language learning.

For more information, visit [The Kemper Foundation’s website](http://TheKemperFoundation.org).

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