

Implementation Guidebook for Iowa Academic Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy

These resources are designed to support the planning and instruction processes for implementing the 2024 Iowa Academic Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects. The Department will continue to enhance the guidebook by incorporating new resources as they become available.

Start with the standards: Use the standards and supporting tools to identify expectations across grades.

Resource	Type	Release Date
2024 Iowa Academic Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects	PDF	06/20/2024
Crosswalk - Iowa Academic Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social, Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects	Google Doc	08/14/2024
Iowa Academic Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy Spreadsheet	Spreadsheet	11/11/2024
K-12 Vertical Progression for English Language Arts	PDF	07/31/2024
K-12 Vertical Progression for English Language Arts (Highlighted)	PDF	02/27/2025

Build your understanding: Work through these introductory sessions in order to learn how the standards are organized and what they mean for instruction.

Resource	Type	Release Date
Standards Overview Session Slides	Google Slides	07/23/2024
Standards Overview Session Recording	Video	07/23/2024
Foundational Skills Session Slides	Google Slides	07/27/2024
Foundational Skills Session Recording	Video	07/27/2024
Shifts in English Language Arts and Literacy Session Slides	Google Slides	08/13/2024
Shifts in English Language Arts and Literacy Session Recording	Video	08/13/2024
Depth of Knowledge Session Slides	Google Slides	08/19/2024
Depth of Knowledge Session Recording	Video	08/19/2024

Explore additional implementation resources: Find the latest statewide professional learning here, with the newest resources listed first.

Resource	Type	Release Date
Statewide Professional Development Sessions for Supporting English Learners Slides 2026	Slides	10/30/2026
Session 1: Comprehensible Input and Scaffolds Recording	Video	10/30/2026
Session 2: Content and Language Objectives; Levels of Thinking Recording	Video	10/30/2026

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Statewide Literacy Professional Learning Sessions Slides 2026	Slides	09/18/2026
Session 1: Iowa Department of Education Literacy Updates and High-Quality Instructional Materials Recording	Video	09/18/2026
Session 2: Evidence-Based Practices for English Learners Recording	Video	09/18/2026
Session 3: Research-Based Approaches to Morphology Instruction Grounded in the Science of Reading Recording	Video	09/18/2026
Session 4: Sparking Early Literacy: Helping Caregivers and Educators Support the Development of Code-Focused Literacy Skills at Home Recording	Video	09/18/2026
Iowa Comprehensive State Literacy Plan Overview	Video	11/20/2025
Statewide Literacy Professional Learning Sessions Slides 2025	Slides	09/26/2025
Session 1: Iowa Department of Education Literacy Updates Recording	Video	09/26/2025
Session 2: Access for All-Universal Protocol for Accommodations in Reading (uPar) Updates Recording	Video	09/26/2025
Session 3: Family and School Partnerships—Tools and Materials to Effectively Talk About Student Literacy Recording	Video	09/26/2025
Session 4: Evidence-Based Tips to Teach Cursive Handwriting Recording	Video	09/26/2025
Iowa Comprehensive State Literacy Plan Brief	PDF	05/21/2025
Iowa Comprehensive State Literacy Plan	PDF	05/21/2025
Iowa Dyslexia Handbook	PDF	04/01/2025
Dyslexia and Structured Literacy	Video	04/01/2025

Announcements and registration: These links document learning opportunities and how they are shared.

Resource	Type	Release Date
Elevate Literacy in Upcoming Virtual Learning Opportunity	Webpage	08/11/2026
Literacy News You Can Use August 2026 registration announcement	Newsletter	08/06/2026
Advancing Literacy Together Free Virtual Learning Opportunity	Webpage	09/16/2025
Literacy News You Can Use September 2025 announcement	Newsletter	09/05/2025
Register for upcoming virtual sessions on new English language arts standards	Webpage	06/26/2024
Literacy News You Can Use June 2024 registration announcement	Newsletter	06/20/2024

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