

Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

January 15, 2026

Agenda Item: Foundations of Reading Accountability and Continuous Improvement Framework

State Board Goal(s): Goal 3

State Board Role/Authority: The State Board of Education sets standards and approves practitioner preparation programs based on those standards. Iowa Code section 256.7(3) and 281 Iowa Administrative Code rule 79.5.

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Attachment(s): None

Recommendation: It is recommended the State Board hear and discuss this information.

Background: The 2024 legislative session passed House File 2618, which requires teaching candidates to pass the Foundations of Reading test for certain endorsements. This exam ensures educators understand the science of reading.