



Literacy

Tennessee Foundational Skills Instructional Materials Adoption Guidance

for Districts

To ensure that all textbooks and instructional materials used to teach students to read are based on foundational literacy skills instruction, each LEA and public charter school shall adopt and use English language arts textbooks and instructional materials from the list approved for adoption by the state board pursuant to § 49-6-2202, unless a waiver is granted to the LEA or public charter school pursuant to § 49-6-2206.

Districts and public charter schools using English language arts textbooks or instructional materials from the list approved for adoption by the state board in 2019, or that received a waiver to use English language arts textbooks or instructional materials that were not included on the list approved for adoption in 2019, are not required to adopt or purchase additional English language arts textbooks or instructional materials.

All English language arts textbooks and instructional materials must be aligned to Tennessee's academic standards no later than January 1, 2023. The office of the comptroller of the treasury shall conduct a review of the English language arts textbooks and instructional materials adopted for use by each LEA and public charter school.

The state textbook adoption process is administered in accordance with the statutory requirements as set forth in the TCA, Title 49, Chapter 6, and the Rules and Policies of the State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission ([available here](#)).

The State Board of Education Approved K-3 Elementary Adoption List		
Publisher	Title	Grades
Amplify	Core Knowledge Language Arts	K-3
Benchmark	Advance	K-3
Cengage	Reach for Reading	K
Great Minds	Wit & Wisdom	3
HMH	Intro Reading	K-2
LearnZillion	Expeditionary Learning	K-3
LearnZillion	GuideBooks	3
McGraw Hill	Wonders	K-3
Open Up	Book Worms	3
Open Up	OUR Expeditionary Learning	K-3

Additionally, the Tennessee Department of Education has developed a **TN Foundation Skills Curriculum Supplement**, in partnership with Tennessee teachers, which also meets the requirements as part of the waiver process conducted in 2020.