

# Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item



**Agenda Item:** G

**Date:** January 12, 2012

<b>Title</b>	First Review of Proposed State Approved Textbooks for K-12 English Language Arts		
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**Purpose of Presentation:**

Action required by state or federal law or regulation.

**Previous Review or Action:**

Previous review and action. Specify date and action taken below:

Date: March 24, 2011

Action: Granted approval for the Department of Education to proceed with the review of K-12 English Language Arts textbooks

**Action Requested:**

Action will be requested at a future meeting. Specify anticipated date below:

Date: March 22, 2012

**Alignment with Board of Education Goals: Please indicate (X) all that apply:**

	Goal 1: Expanded Opportunities to Learn
	Goal 2: Accountability of Student Learning
	Goal 3: Nurturing Young Learners
	Goal 4: Strong Literacy and Mathematics Skills
	Goal 5: Highly Qualified and Effective Teachers and Administrators
X	Goal 6: Sound Policies for Student Success
	Goal 7: Safe and Secure Schools
	Other Priority or Initiative. Specify:

**Background Information and Statutory Authority:**

The Board of Education’s authority for approving textbooks and other instructional materials is prescribed in the *Virginia Constitution* and in the *Code of Virginia*.

*Virginia Constitution, Article VIII, § 5 (d)*

It [the Board of Education] shall have authority to approve textbooks and instructional aids and materials for use in courses in the public schools of the Commonwealth.

*Code of Virginia, § 22.1-238*

A. The Board of Education shall have the authority to approve textbooks suitable for use in the public schools and shall have authority to approve instructional aids and materials for use in the public

schools. The Board shall publish a list of all approved textbooks on its website and shall list the publisher and the current lowest wholesale price of such textbooks.

- B. Any school board may use textbooks not approved by the Board provided the school board selects such books in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board.
- C. For the purposes of this chapter, the term "textbooks" means print or electronic media for student use that serve as the primary curriculum basis for a grade-level subject or course.

The Board of Education's current textbook regulations specify the types of materials that may be adopted.

*Regulations Governing Textbook Adoption, 8 VAC 20-220-30*

Only those materials which are designed to provide basic support for the instructional program of a particular content area at an appropriate level will be adopted.

*Regulations Governing Local School Boards and School Divisions, 8 VAC 20-720 et seq.*

8 VAC 20-720-179. Textbooks

A. Textbook approval

1. The Board of Education shall have the authority to approve textbooks for use in the public schools of Virginia.
2. In approving basal textbooks for reading in kindergarten and first grade, the Board shall report to local school boards those textbooks with a minimum decodability standard based on words that students can correctly read by properly attaching speech sounds to each letter to formulate the word at 70 percent or above for such textbooks, in accordance with § 22.1-239 of the *Code of Virginia*.
3. Any local school board may use textbooks not approved by the Board provided the school board selects such books in accordance with this chapter.
4. Contracts and purchase orders with publishers of textbooks approved by the Board for use in grades 6- 12 shall allow for the purchase of printed textbooks, printed textbooks with electronic files, or electronic textbooks separate and apart from printed versions of the same textbook. Each school board shall have the authority to purchase an assortment of textbooks in any of the three forms listed above.

The Board of Education approved the list of current state-approved K-12 English Language Arts textbooks on January 12, 2005, following revisions to the *English Language Arts Standards of Learning* in 2002 and to the *English Language Arts Curriculum Framework* in 2003. The Board's 2007-2012 Comprehensive Plan indicated as priorities, revisions to the standards and curriculum frameworks, as well as review of textbooks. On January 10, 2008, the Board approved a schedule to continue this work through 2015. As such, the *English Language Arts Standards of Learning* were revised in 2010, followed by revisions to the *English Language Arts Curriculum Framework* the same year. The revised standards and curriculum framework then prompted the need to review textbooks for correlation to the revised content.

**Summary of Important Issues:**

On March 24, 2011, the Board of Education authorized the Department to begin the process of the K-12 English Language Arts textbooks review using a timeline approved by the Board. The Department of Education used the Board's new textbook process approved by the Board in March 2011 to conduct the textbook review. In June 2011, the review committees received the English Language Arts textbook samples along with K-12 *English Language Arts Standards of Learning* textbook correlations from publishers. Members of these committees conducted individual analyses of the materials prior to meeting with the full committee. In September 2011, the committees convened in Richmond to reach consensus on their reviews of the submitted materials. The consensus evaluations were shared with publishers, and publishers were given an opportunity to respond to the committees' reviews and recommendations. Requests by publishers for reconsideration were examined carefully by Department of Education staff, as they prepared the list of proposed approved English Language Arts textbooks for presentation to the Board.

Initially, fifteen publishers expressed interest in submitting English Language Arts textbooks for consideration. Two publishers did not pursue the process further. Two additional publishers withdrew 21 grammar textbooks that did not correlate sufficiently to the *Writing Standards of Learning*.

The list of 118 proposed recommended English Language Arts textbooks, including the status of the Publisher's Certification and Agreement forms for each, is included as Attachment A.

Following first review of the proposed textbooks, the Department of Education will conduct a 30-day public comment period, with the intent to bring to the Board a final list of proposed approved textbooks for K-12 English Language Arts in March 2012.

**Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources:**

This responsibility can be absorbed by the agency's existing resources at this time. If the agency is required to absorb additional responsibilities related to this process, other services will be impacted.

**Timetable for Further Review/Action:**

Upon acceptance of the list of proposed K-12 English Language Arts textbooks for first review by the Board of Education, a 30-day public comment period will be announced. The English Language Arts textbooks submitted for review may be reviewed at any of the following eight sites around the state: The College of William and Mary, George Mason University, James Madison University, Radford University, The University of Virginia's College at Wise, Longwood University, Old Dominion University, and J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. It is anticipated that the list of recommended K-12 English Language Arts textbooks will be presented to the Board of Education for final review on March 22, 2012.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education accept for first review the attached list of proposed recommended textbooks for K-12 English Language Arts.

**Proposed English Language Arts Textbooks Recommended for Approval**  
**January 12, 2012**

Course	Publisher	Title	Satisfactory Completion of Publisher's Certifications and Agreements	
			Yes	No
<b>Kindergarten - Reading</b>				
	AWARD Publishing Limited	AWARD Reading Online, Kindergarten	✓	
	Benchmark Education	Benchmark Literacy, Kindergarten	✓	
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Kindergarten Kit, Complete	✓	
		Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Online Student Resources (access for 7 years) Kindergarten	✓	
		Rigby Literacy By Design Complete Program, Kindergarten	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Wright Group Lead 21 Complete Classroom Package, Kindergarten	✓	
	Mondo Publishing	Bookshop Core Reading Program, Kindergarten	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman	Reading Street Student Edition Package (Includes 25 6-year Student Digital Licenses) Kindergarten	✓	
	Rowland Reading Foundation	Superkids Reading Program for Kindergarten Level 1: <i>Meet the Superkids</i> Level 2: <i>Superkids' Club</i>	✓	
<b>Grade 1 - Reading</b>				
	AWARD Publishing Limited	AWARD Reading Online, Grade 1	✓	
	Benchmark Education	Benchmark Literacy, Grade 1	✓	
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Student Edition and Magazine Set (6 Student Edition Volumes and Reading Adventures Student Edition Magazine) Grade 1	✓	

Course	Publisher	Title	Satisfactory Completion of Publisher's Certifications and Agreements	
			Yes	No
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Online Student Resources (access for 7 years) Grade 1	✓	
		Rigby Literacy By Design Complete Program, Grade 1	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Wright Group Lead 21 Complete Classroom Package, Grade 1	✓	
	Mondo Publishing	Bookshop Core Reading Program, Grade 1	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman	Reading Street Student Edition Package (Includes a 6-year Student Digital License) Grade 1	✓	
	Rowland Reading Foundation	Superkids Reading Program for Grade 1 Level 3: <i>Adventures of the Superkids</i> Level 4: <i>More Adventures of the Superkids</i>	✓	
<b>Grade 2 - Reading</b>				
	AWARD Publishing Limited	AWARD Reading Online, Grade 2	✓	
	Benchmark Education	Benchmark Literacy, Grade 2	✓	
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Student Edition and Magazine Set (2 Student Edition Volumes and Reading Adventures Student Edition Magazine) Grade 2	✓	
		Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Online Student Resources (access for 7 years) Grade 2	✓	
		Rigby Literacy By Design Complete Program, Grade 2	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Wright Group Lead 21 Complete Classroom Package, Grade 2	✓	
	Mondo Publishing	Bookshop Core Reading Program, Grade 2	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman	Reading Street Student Edition Package (Includes a 6-year Student Digital License) Grade 2	✓	

Course	Publisher	Title	Satisfactory Completion of Publisher's Certifications and Agreements	
			Yes	No
	Rowland Reading Foundation	Superkids Reading Program for Grade 2 Level 5: <i>The Superkids Hit Second Grade</i> Level 6: <i>The Superkids Take Off</i>	✓	
<b>Grade 3 - Reading</b>				
	AWARD Publishing Limited	AWARD Reading Online, Grade 3	✓	
	Benchmark Education	Benchmark Literacy, Grade 3	✓	
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Student Edition and Magazine Set (2 Student Edition Volumes and Reading Adventures Student Edition Magazine) Grade 3	✓	
		Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Online Student Resources (access for 7 years) Grade 3	✓	
		Rigby Literacy By Design Complete Program, Grade 3	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Wright Group Lead 21 Complete Classroom Package, Grade 3	✓	
	Mondo Publishing	Bookshop Core Reading Program, Grade 3	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman	Reading Street Student Edition Package (Includes a 6-year Student Digital License) Grade 3	✓	
<b>Grade 4 - Reading</b>				
	Benchmark Education	Benchmark Literacy, Grade 4	✓	
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Student Edition and Magazine Set (Student Edition and Reading Adventures Student Edition Magazine) Grade 4	✓	
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Online Student Resources (access for 7 years) Grade 4	✓	

Course	Publisher	Title	Satisfactory Completion of Publisher's Certifications and Agreements	
			Yes	No
		Rigby Literacy By Design Complete Program, Grade 4	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Wright Group Lead 21 Complete Classroom Package, Grade 4	✓	
	Mondo Publishing	Bookshop Core Reading Program, Grade 4	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman	Reading Street Student Edition Package (Includes a 6-year Student Digital License) Grade 4	✓	
<b>Grade 5 - Reading</b>				
	Benchmark Education	Benchmark Literacy, Grade 5	✓	
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Student Edition and Magazine Set (Student Edition and Reading Adventures Student Edition Magazine) Grade 5	✓	
		Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Online Student Resources (access for 7 years) Grade 5	✓	
		Rigby Literacy By Design Complete Program, Grade 5	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Wright Group Lead 21 Complete Classroom Package, Grade 5	✓	
	Mondo Publishing	Bookshop Core Reading Program, Grade 5	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman	Reading Street Student Edition Package (Includes a 6-year Student Digital License) Grade 5	✓	
<b>Grade 6 - Reading/Literature</b>				
	EMC Publishing, LLC	Mirrors & Windows: Connecting with Literature, Grade 6, Level 1	✓	

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			Yes	No
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Student Edition and Magazine Set (Student Edition and Reading Adventures Student Edition Magazine)	✓	
		Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Online Student Resources (access for 7 years) Grade 6	✓	
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Virginia Holt McDougal Literature Student Edition, Grade 6	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Glencoe Literature with Writer's Workspace, Course 1, Grade 6	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Prentice Hall	Prentice Hall Literature with 6-year Online Digital Access, Virginia Edition, Grade 6	✓	
	Scholastic Inc.	Scholastic Expert 21 Course I—Volumes 1 and 2 Hardcover Student Editions & 5-year Technology Subscription	✓	
		Scholastic Expert 21 Course I—Volumes 1 and 2 Softcover Student Editions & 5-year Technology Subscription	✓	
<b>Grade 6 - Writing</b>				
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write Source, Online Student Subscription, 7-year access, Grade 6	✓	
		Write Source, Student Edition, Hardcover, Grade 6	✓	
	Perfection Learning	Writing with Power, hardcover student edition with online access, Grade 6	✓	
<b>Grade 7 - Reading/Literature</b>				
	EMC Publishing, LLC	Mirrors & Windows: Connecting with Literature, Grade 7, Level II	✓	
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Virginia Holt McDougal Literature Student Edition, Grade 7	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Glencoe Literature with Writer's Workspace, Course 2, Grade 7	✓	

Course	Publisher	Title	Satisfactory Completion of Publisher's Certifications and Agreements	
			Yes	No
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Prentice Hall	Prentice Hall Literature with 6-year Online Digital Access, Virginia Edition, Grade 7	✓	
	Scholastic Inc.	Scholastic Expert 21 Course II—Volumes 1 and 2, Hardcover, Student Editions & 5-year Technology Subscription	✓	
		Scholastic Expert 21 Course II—Volumes 1 and 2, Softcover, Student Editions & 5-year Technology Subscription	✓	
<b>Grade 7 - Writing</b>				
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write Source, Online Student Subscription, 7-year access, Grade 7	✓	
		Write Source, Student Edition, Hardcover, Grade 7	✓	
	Perfection Learning	Writing with Power, hardcover student edition with online access, Grade 7	✓	
<b>Grade 8 - Reading/Literature</b>				
	EMC Publishing, LLC	Mirrors & Windows: Connecting with Literature, Grade 8, Level III	✓	
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Virginia Holt McDougal Literature Student Edition, Grade 8	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Glencoe Literature with Writer's Workspace, Course 3, Grade 8	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Prentice Hall	Prentice Hall Literature with 6-year Online Digital Access, Virginia Edition, Grade 8	✓	
	Scholastic Inc.	Expert 21 Course III— Volumes 1 and 2 Hardcover, Student Editions & 5-year Technology Subscription	✓	
		Expert 21 Course III— Volumes 1 and 2 Softcover, Student Editions & 5-year Technology Subscription	✓	

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<b>Grade 8 - Writing</b>				
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write Source, Online Student Subscription, 7-year access, Grade 8	✓	
		Write Source, Student Edition, Hardcover, Grade 8	✓	
	Perfection Learning	Writing with Power, hardcover student edition with online access, Grade 8	✓	
<b>Grade 9 - Reading/Literature</b>				
	EMC Publishing, LLC	Mirrors & Windows: Connecting with Literature, Grade 9, Level IV	✓	
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Virginia Holt McDougal Literature Student Edition, Grade 9	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Glencoe Literature with Writer's Workspace, Course 4, Grade 9	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Prentice Hall	Prentice Hall Literature with 6-year Online Digital Access, Virginia Edition, Grade 9	✓	
<b>Grade 9 - Writing</b>				
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write Source, Online Student Subscription, 7-year access, Grade 9	✓	
		Write Source, Student Edition, Hardcover, Grade 9	✓	
		Write Source Writer's INC Handbook, Hardcover	✓	
		Write Source Writer's INC Handbook, Softcover	✓	
	Perfection Learning	Writing with Power, hardcover student edition with online access, Grade 9	✓	
<b>Grade 10 - Reading/Literature</b>				
	EMC Publishing, LLC	Mirrors & Windows: Connecting with Literature, Grade 10, Level V	✓	

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			Yes	No
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Virginia Holt McDougal Literature Student Edition, Grade 10	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Glencoe Literature with Writer's Workspace, Course 5, Grade 10	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Prentice Hall	Prentice Hall Literature with 6-year Online Digital Access, Virginia Edition, Grade 10	✓	
<b>Grade 10 - Writing</b>				
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write Source, Online Student Subscription, 7-year access, Grade 10	✓	
		Write Source, Student Edition, Hardcover, Grade 10	✓	
		Write Source Writer's INC Handbook, Hardcover	✓	
		Write Source Writer's INC Handbook, Softcover	✓	
	Perfection Learning	Writing with Power, hardcover student edition with online access, Grade 10	✓	
<b>Grade 11 – Reading/Literature</b>				
	EMC Publishing, LLC	Mirrors & Windows: Connecting with Literature, Grade 11, American Tradition	✓	
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Virginia Holt McDougal Literature American Literature Student Edition, Grade 11	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Glencoe Literature with Writer's Workspace, American Literature, Grade 11	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Prentice Hall	Prentice Hall Literature with 6-year Online Digital Access, Virginia Edition, Grade 11	✓	
<b>Grade 11 - Writing</b>				
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write Source, Online Student Subscription, 7-year access, Grade 11	✓	
		Write Source, Student Edition, Hardcover, Grade 11	✓	

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	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write Source Write for College Handbook, Hardcover	✓	
		Write Source Write for College Handbook, Softcover	✓	
		Write Source Writer's INC Handbook, Hardcover	✓	
		Write Source Writer's INC Handbook, Softcover	✓	
	Perfection Learning	Writing with Power, hardcover student edition with online access, Grade 11	✓	
<b>Grade 12 - Reading/Literature</b>				
	EMC Publishing, LLC	Mirrors & Windows: Connecting with Literature, Grade 12, British Tradition	✓	
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Virginia Holt McDougal Literature British Literature, Student Edition, Grade12	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Glencoe Literature with Writer's Workspace, British Literature, Grade 12	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Prentice Hall	Prentice Hall Literature with 6-year Online Digital Access, Virginia Edition, Grade 12	✓	
<b>Grade 12 - Writing</b>				
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write Source, Online Student Subscription, 7-year access, Grade 12	✓	
		Write Source, Student Edition Hardcover, Grade 12	✓	
		Write Source, Write for College Handbook, Hardcover	✓	
		Write Source, Write for College Handbook, Softcover	✓	
		Write Source Writer's INC Handbook, Hardcover	✓	
		Write Source Writer's INC Handbook, Softcover	✓	

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			<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Perfection Learning	Writing with Power, hardcover student edition with online access, Grade 12	✓	