

# Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item



**Agenda Item:** B

**Date:** March 22, 2012

<b>Title</b>	Final 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: January 12, 2012

Action: First Review

**Action Requested:**

Final review: Action requested at this meeting.

**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
X	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:**

Goal 4: The approval of K-12 English Language Arts textbooks supports the attainment of literacy skills for all students.

Goal 6: In March 2011, the Board of Education approved a process for approving textbooks for purchase in school divisions. The process involves a determination of the degree to which the content found in the textbooks is correlated with the Standards of Learning and Curriculum Framework for each subject.

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.

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 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. All proposed reading textbooks for kindergarten and grade 1 met the 70 percent decodability requirement outlined in § 22.1-239 of the *Code of Virginia*.

### **Summary of Important Issues:**

On January 12, 2012, the Board of Education accepted for first review the proposed recommended K-12 textbooks for English Language Arts. A 30-day public comment period began on January 13, 2012, and ended on February 15, 2012. Two public comments were received offering opinions on the layout, structure, and pedagogy of textbooks. Several of the textbooks mentioned in the public comments were not on the approved list.

At the request of the company, *Glencoe Literature with Writer's Workspace, Courses 1-5, American Literature*, and *British Literature*, published by The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group were withdrawn from the proposed list. The publisher did not provide details on the rationale for the withdrawal request.

The list of 111 proposed recommended K-12 English Language Arts textbooks, including the status of the Publishers' Certification and Agreement forms for each, is included in Attachment A. *The Glencoe Literature with Writer's Workspace* series is shown in strikethrough format in Attachment A.

### **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 approval, the Department of Education will publish the list of approved textbooks on its Web site in accordance with § 22.1-238 of the *Code of Virginia*.

### **Superintendent's Recommendation:**

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

**Proposed English Language Arts Textbooks Recommended for Approval**  
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Attachment A

Course	Publisher	Title	Copyright	Satisfactory Completion of Publisher's Certifications and Agreements	
				Yes	No
<b>Kindergarten – Reading</b>					
	AWARD Publishing Limited	AWARD Reading Online, Kindergarten	2008-2011	✓	
	Benchmark Education	Benchmark Literacy, Kindergarten	2010	✓	
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Kindergarten Kit, Complete	2011	✓	
		Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Online Student Resources (access for 7 years) Kindergarten	2012	✓	
		Rigby Literacy By Design Complete Program, Kindergarten	2008	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Wright Group Lead 21 Complete Classroom Package, Kindergarten	2011	✓	
	Mondo Publishing	Bookshop Core Reading Program, Kindergarten	2011	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman	Reading Street Student Edition Package (Includes 25 6-year Student Digital Licenses) Kindergarten	2011	✓	
	Rowland Reading Foundation	Superkids Reading Program for Kindergarten Level 1: <i>Meet the Superkids</i> Level 2: <i>Superkids' Club</i>	2011	✓	

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<b>Grade 1 – Reading</b>					
	AWARD Publishing Limited	AWARD Reading Online, Grade 1	2008-2011	✓	
	Benchmark Education	Benchmark Literacy, Grade 1	2010	✓	
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Student Edition and Magazine Set (6 Student Edition Volumes and Reading Adventures Student Edition Magazine) Grade 1	2011	✓	
		Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Online Student Resources (access for 7 years) Grade 1	2012	✓	
		Rigby Literacy By Design Complete Program, Grade 1	2008	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Wright Group Lead 21 Complete Classroom Package, Grade 1	2011	✓	
	Mondo Publishing	Bookshop Core Reading Program, Grade 1	2011	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman	Reading Street Student Edition Package (Includes a 6-year Student Digital License) Grade 1	2011	✓	
	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>	2008-2011	✓	

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<b>Grade 2 – Reading</b>					
	AWARD Publishing Limited	AWARD Reading Online, Grade 2	2008-2011	✓	
	Benchmark Education	Benchmark Literacy, Grade 2	2010	✓	
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Student Edition and Magazine Set (2 Student Edition Volumes and Reading Adventures Student Edition Magazine) Grade 2	2011	✓	
		Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Online Student Resources (access for 7 years) Grade 2	2012	✓	
		Rigby Literacy By Design Complete Program, Grade 2	2008	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Wright Group Lead 21 Complete Classroom Package, Grade 1	2011	✓	
	Mondo Publishing	Bookshop Core Reading Program, Grade 1	2011	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman	Reading Street Student Edition Package (Includes a 6-year Student Digital License) Grade 2	2011	✓	
	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>	2009-2010	✓	

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<b>Grade 3 – Reading</b>					
	AWARD Publishing Limited	AWARD Reading Online, Grade 3	2008-2011	✓	
	Benchmark Education	Benchmark Literacy, Grade 3	2010	✓	
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Student Edition and Magazine Set (2 Student Edition Volumes and Reading Adventures Student Edition Magazine) Grade 3	2011	✓	
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Online Student Resources (access for 7 years) Grade 3	2012	✓	
	Rigby Literacy By Design	Complete Program, Grade 3	2008	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Wright Group Lead 21 Complete Classroom Package, Grade 3	2011	✓	
	Mondo Publishing	Bookshop Core Reading Program, Grade 3	2011	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman	Reading Street Student Edition Package (Includes a 6-year Student Digital License) Grade 3	2011	✓	

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<b>Grade 4 – Reading</b>					
	Benchmark Education	Benchmark Literacy, Grade 4	2010	✓	
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Student Edition and Magazine Set (Student Edition and Reading Adventures Student Edition Magazine) Grade 4	2011	✓	
		Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Online Student Resources (access for 7 years) Grade 4	2012	✓	
		Rigby Literacy By Design Complete Program, Grade 4	2008	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Wright Group Lead 21 Complete Classroom Package, Grade 4	2011	✓	
	Mondo Publishing	Bookshop Core Reading Program, Grade 4	2011	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman	Reading Street Student Edition Package (Includes a 6-year Student Digital License) Grade 4	2011	✓	

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<b>Grade 5 – Reading</b>					
	Benchmark Education	Benchmark Literacy, Grade 5	2010	✓	
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Student Edition and Magazine Set (Student Edition and Reading Adventures Student Edition Magazine) Grade 5	2011	✓	
		Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Online Student Resources (access for 7 years) Grade 5	2012	✓	
		Rigby Literacy By Design Complete Program, Grade 5	2008	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Wright Group Lead 21 Complete Classroom Package, Grade 5	2011	✓	
	Mondo Publishing	Bookshop Core Reading Program, Grade 5	2011	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman	Reading Street Student Edition Package (Includes a 6-year Student Digital License) Grade 5	2011	✓	
<b>Grade 6 – Reading/Literature</b>					
	EMC Publishing, LLC	Mirrors & Windows: Connecting with Literature, Grade 6, Level 1	2011	✓	

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<b>Grade 6 – Reading/Literature</b>					
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Student Edition and Magazine Set (Student Edition and Reading Adventures Student Edition Magazine)	2011	✓	
		Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Online Student Resources (access for 7 years) Grade 6	2012	✓	
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Virginia Holt McDougal Literature Student Edition, Grade 6	2013	✓	
	<del>The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group</del>	<del>Glencoe Literature with Writer's Workspace, Course 1, Grade 6</del> *	2012	<del>✓</del>	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Prentice Hall	Prentice Hall Literature with 6-year Online Digital Access, Virginia Edition, Grade 6	2013	✓	
	Scholastic Inc.	Scholastic Expert 21 Course I — Volumes 1 and 2 Hardcover Student Editions & 5-year Technology Subscription	2010	✓	
		Scholastic Expert 21 Course I — Volumes 1 and 2 Softcover Student Editions & 5-year Technology Subscription	2010	✓	

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<b>Grade 6 – Writing</b>					
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write Source, Online Student Subscription, 7-year access, Grade 6	2012	✓	
		Write Source, Student Edition, Hardcover, Grade 6	2012	✓	
	Perfection Learning	Writing with Power, hardcover student edition with online access, Grade 6	2012	✓	
<b>Grade 7 – Reading/Literature</b>					
	EMC Publishing, LLC	Mirrors & Windows: Connecting with Literature, Grade 7, Level II	2011	✓	
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Virginia Holt McDougal Literature Student Edition, Grade 7	2013	✓	
	<del>The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group</del>	<del>Glencoe Literature with Writer's Workspace, Course 2, Grade 7.*</del>	2012	<del>✓</del>	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Prentice Hall	Prentice Hall Literature with 6-year Online Digital Access, Virginia Edition, Grade 7	2013	✓	

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<b>Grade 7 – Reading/Literature</b>					
	Scholastic Inc.	Scholastic Expert 21 Course II — Volumes 1 and 2, Hardcover, Student Editions & 5-year Technology Subscription	2010	✓	
		Scholastic Expert 21 Course II — Volumes 1 and 2, Softcover, Student Editions & 5-year Technology Subscription	2010	✓	
<b>Grade 7 – Writing</b>					
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write Source, Online Student Subscription, 7-year access, Grade 7	2012	✓	
		Write Source, Student Edition, Hardcover, Grade 7	2012	✓	
	Perfection Learning	Writing with Power, hardcover student edition with online access, Grade 7	2012	✓	
<b>Grade 8 – Reading/Literature</b>					
	EMC Publishing, LLC	Mirrors & Windows: Connecting with Literature, Grade 8, Level III	2011	✓	
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Virginia Holt McDougal Literature Student Edition, Grade 8	2013	✓	

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<b>Grade 8 – Reading/Literature</b>					
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	Glencoe Literature with Writer's Workspace, Course 3, Grade 8*	2012	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Prentice Hall	Prentice Hall Literature with 6- year Online Digital Access, Virginia Edition, Grade 8	2013	✓	
	Scholastic Inc.	Expert 21 Course III — Volumes 1 and 2 Hardcover, Student Editions & 5-year Technology Subscription	2010	✓	
		Expert 21 Course III — Volumes 1 and 2 Softcover, Student Editions & 5-year Technology Subscription	2010	✓	
<b>Grade 8 – Writing</b>					
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write Source, Online Student Subscription, 7-year access, Grade 8	2012	✓	
		Write Source, Student Edition, Hardcover, Grade 8	2012	✓	
	Perfection Learning	Writing with Power, hardcover student edition with online access, Grade 8	2012	✓	

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<b>Grade 9 – Reading/Literature</b>					
	EMC Publishing, LLC	Mirrors & Windows: Connecting with Literature, Grade 9, Level IV	2011	✓	
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Virginia Holt McDougal Literature Student Edition, Grade 9	2013	✓	
	<del>The McGraw Hill Companies School Education Group</del>	<del>Glencoe Literature with Writer's Workspace, Course 4, Grade 9*</del>	2012	<del>✓</del>	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Prentice Hall	Prentice Hall Literature with 6-year Online Digital Access, Virginia Edition, Grade 9	2013	✓	
<b>Grade 9 – Writing</b>					
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write Source, Online Student Subscription, 7-year access, Grade 9	2012	✓	
		Write Source, Student Edition, Hardcover, Grade 9	2012	✓	
		Write Source Writer's INC Handbook, Hardcover	2006	✓	
		Write Source Writer's INC Handbook, Softcover	2006	✓	
	Perfection Learning	Writing with Power, hardcover student edition with online access, Grade 9	2012	✓	

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<b>Grade 10 – Reading/Literature</b>					
	EMC Publishing, LLC	Mirrors & Windows: Connecting with Literature, Grade 10, Level V	2011	✓	
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Virginia Holt McDougal Literature Student Edition, Grade 10	2013	✓	
	<del>The McGraw Hill Companies School Education Group</del>	<del>Glencoe Literature with Writer's Workspace, Course 5, Grade 10*</del>	2012	<del>✓</del>	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Prentice Hall	Prentice Hall Literature with 6-year Online Digital Access, Virginia Edition, Grade 10	2013	✓	
<b>Grade 10 – Writing</b>					
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write Source, Online Student Subscription, 7-year access, Grade 10	2012	✓	
		Write Source, Student Edition, Hardcover, Grade 10	2012	✓	
		Write Source Writer's INC Handbook, Hardcover	2006	✓	
		Write Source Writer's INC Handbook, Softcover	2006	✓	
	Perfection Learning	Writing with Power, hardcover student edition with online access, Grade 10	2012	✓	

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<b>Grade 11 – Reading/Literature</b>					
	EMC Publishing, LLC	Mirrors & Windows: Connecting with Literature, Grade 11, American Tradition	2011	✓	
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Virginia Holt McDougal Literature American Literature Student Edition, Grade 11	2013	✓	
	The McGraw Hill Companies School Education Group	<del>Glencoe Literature with Writer's Workspace, American Literature, Grade 11*</del>	2012	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Prentice Hall	Prentice Hall Literature with 6-year Online Digital Access, Virginia Edition, Grade 11	2013	✓	
<b>Grade 11 – Writing</b>					
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write Source, Online Student Subscription, 7-year access, Grade 11	2012	✓	
		Write Source, Student Edition, Hardcover, Grade 11	2012	✓	
		Write Source Write for College Handbook, Hardcover	2008	✓	
		Write Source Write for College Handbook, Softcover	2008	✓	
		Write Source Writer's INC Handbook, Hardcover	2006	✓	
		Write Source Writer's INC Handbook, Softcover	2006	✓	

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<b>Grade 11 – Writing</b>					
	Perfection Learning	Writing with Power, hardcover student edition with online access, Grade 11	2012	✓	
<b>Grade 12 – Reading/Literature</b>					
	EMC Publishing, LLC	Mirrors & Windows: Connecting with Literature, Grade 12, British Tradition	2011	✓	
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Virginia Holt McDougal Literature British Literature, Student Edition, Grade 12	2013	✓	
	The McGraw-Hill Companies School Education Group	<del>Glencoe Literature with Writer's Workspace, British Literature, Grade 12*</del>	2012	✓	
	Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Prentice Hall	Prentice Hall Literature with 6-year Online Digital Access, Virginia Edition, Grade 12	2013	✓	
<b>Grade 12 – Writing</b>					
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write Source, Online Student Subscription, 7-year access, Grade 12	2012	✓	
		Write Source, Student Edition Hardcover, Grade 12	2012	✓	

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<b>Grade 12 – Writing</b>					
	Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write Source, Write for College Handbook, Hardcover	2008	✓	
		Write Source, Write for College Handbook, Softcover	2008	✓	
		Write Source Writer's INC Handbook, Hardcover	2006	✓	
		Write Source Writer's INC Handbook, Softcover	2006	✓	
	Perfection Learning	Writing with Power, hardcover student edition with online access, Grade 12	2012	✓	