



Curriculum Materials for Evidence-Based Reading Instruction

This document presents curriculum materials for evidence-based reading instruction for kindergarten through grade 3 advancing the instructional priorities outlined in Act 135 of 2024.

Reading Curriculum Materials

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the PDE Reading Leadership Council (Council) identified The Reading League (TRL), the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), and EdReports as clearinghouses for reading curriculum materials. These organizations are nationally recognized and provide high-quality, evidence-based resources to support schools in making informed decisions about literacy programming and have review processes that are in alignment with the requirements of Act 135 for reading curriculum materials.

In this context, a *clearinghouse* refers to a repository of programs or materials that have been evaluated using a transparent, research-based process. Such repositories may be housed within federally funded centers, private organizations, nonprofits, or state education agencies.

The list within this document features only the most recent editions of both curriculum materials and review tools used by identified clearinghouses and is organized by the number of positive evaluations each program received. A table focused on core reading instruction curriculum materials to support Spanish-speaking learners is also provided.

For a comprehensive list—including prior versions of curriculum materials, those reviewed using earlier versions of review tools, and materials that were not positively reviewed by clearinghouses, see the [PDE Reading Curriculum Materials for Evidence-Based Reading Instruction Comprehensive Resource \(Excel\)](#).

Intended Use for Local Education Agencies

The lists are designed to support local education agencies (LEAs) in making informed decisions about the selection and use of reading curriculum materials and professional development. Inclusion on the list does not constitute approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Education; rather, it indicates that the material or program was evaluated by one or more of the identified clearinghouses. LEAs retain full discretion in determining how to use this information to meet their literacy needs and are not limited to selecting only the resources included. The lists are not exhaustive and will be reviewed quarterly to incorporate newly evaluated materials from the clearinghouses.

Additional PDE Curriculum Materials Resources

[PDE Reading Curriculum Materials for Evidence-Based Reading Instruction Guidance](#)

[PDE Reading Curriculum Materials for Evidence-Based Reading Instruction Comprehensive Resource \(Excel\)](#)

Reading Curriculum Materials Clearinghouse Keys

Table 1. The Reading League Rating System Key*



Shape	Meaning	Definition
	Met	Met requirements for necessary components
	Mostly Met	Mostly met requirements for necessary components

Table 2. Colorado Department of Education Rating System Key



Shape	Meaning	Definition
	On Advisory List	Material is on Colorado's Advisory List of Instructional Programming

Table 3. Ohio Department of Education Rating System Key

Shape	Meaning	Definition
	On List	Material is on Ohio's Approved List of Core Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Table 4. EdReports Rating System Key

Shape	Meaning	Definition
	Meets	Received the points necessary to satisfy the “meets” threshold
















Blank cells within the table indicate there is no information on the review, or lack of review, for that resource by a given clearinghouse.






* TRL does not assign overall or composite ratings. The scores displayed on PDE's lists are summaries of how curriculum materials performed and are not intended to replace the full TRL reports.







Core Curriculum Materials List

This list features only the most recent versions of both curriculum materials and review tools used by identified clearinghouses and is organized by the number of positive evaluations each program received as of **November 18, 2025**.









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Core Reading Programs Listed on clearinghouse websites as of November 18, 2025 .		The Reading League Curriculum Navigation Reports	Colorado Department of Education Instructional Programming Advisory List: Core Programs K-3	Ohio Department of Education Approved List of Core Comprehensive ELA Material K-5 Approved After Fall 2024	EdReports V2.1 Core Comprehensive Gateway 1 & 2 K-5
Met expectations for two or more clearinghouses					
McGraw Hill, Open Court Reading, K-5, 2023					
McGraw Hill, Reading Mastery Transformations, K-5, 2021					
McGraw Hill, Wonders, K-5, 2023					
Savvas Learning Company, myView Literacy, K-5, 2025					
Zaner-Bloser, The Superkids Reading Program, K-2, 2017			 (K-2)		

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Met expectations for one clearinghouse					
Amplify, Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA), K-6, (3rd Edition) 2026					
Benchmark Education Company, Benchmark Advance, K-5, 2026					
Benchmark Education Company, Benchmark Workshop, K-3, 2021					
Center for the Collaborative Classroom, Being a Reader, K-5, Second Edition, 2021/2023					
Center for the Collaborative Classroom, Collaborative Literacy, K-5, 3rd Edition, 2024				 (3-5)	
EL Education, EL Education K-5 Language Arts, 2017					
Fishtank Learning, Fishtank Plus ELA, 3-5, 2021					
Great Minds, Wit and Wisdom with Really Great Reading and Geodes, K-3, 2023					
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing, Into Reading, V3, 2025					
K12 Inc., ELA K E1 (2022), ELA 1 E1 & Phonics 1 E1 (2022), ELA 2 (2021), ELA 3 (2020), ELA 4 E1 (2020), ELA 5 E1 (2020)					
Kiddom, EL Education: Ohio Grades K-5, 2017					

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Listed on clearinghouse websites as of November 18, 2025.					
Met expectations for one clearinghouse					
Lavinia Group, RedThread Literacy, 2024					
Open Up Resources, Bookworms K–5, 2022					
Open Up Resources, EL Education K–5 Language Arts, 2017			 (K–2)		
PAF Reading, Preventing Academic Failure (PAF) Reading Program, 2017		 (K–2)			
Pearson Virtual Schools, Language Arts K–5, 2024					
Spalding Education, The Writing Road to Reading, K–6, 2012					
Success for All Foundation, Kinder Corner, 2nd Edition 2016+ (kindergarten), Reading Between the Lines: Reading Roots 5th Edition, 2021 (1st Grade), Reading Wings, 5th Edition, 2025 (2nd Grade)					
Success for All Foundation, Reading Wings, 5th Edition, 2025 (3rd–5th Grade)					

Spanish Reading Curriculum Materials

Spanish Core Reading Programs Listed on clearinghouse websites as of November 18, 2025 .	The Reading League Curriculum Navigation Reports	Colorado Department of Education Instructional Programming Advisory List: Core Programs K–3	Ohio Department of Education Approved List of Core Comprehensive ELA Materials K–5 Approved After Fall 2024	EdReports V2.1 Core Comprehensive Gateway 1 & 2 K–5
Amplify, Amplify Caminos, K–3, 2022 				
Benchmark Education Company, Benchmark Adelante, K–3, 2023 				
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing, HMH ¡Arriba la Lectura!, 2020 				
Interlexia, Aprendo Leyendo Curriculum, 2018 	 (K–2)			
McGraw Hill, Maravillas, 2023 