

# Liberty Union High School District

## Board Policy

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The Governing Board recognizes that reading and other language arts constitute the basic foundation for learning in other areas of study. The Board desires to offer a comprehensive, balanced reading/language arts program that ensures all students have the skills necessary to read fluently and for meaning and develops students' appreciation for literature. The program shall integrate reading, and oral and written language arts activities in order to build effective communication skills, including listening, speaking, and composition.

For each grade level, the Board shall adopt instructional materials that meet or exceed Common Core State Standards in the following strands:

1. Reading: Foundational skills, text complexity and analysis, and the growth of comprehension
2. Writing: Text types, responding to reading, production and distribution of writings, and research
3. Speaking and listening: Oral language development, comprehension, flexible communication, and collaboration
4. Language: Conventions, effective use, knowledge of language, and vocabulary

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's program offers sufficient access to standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials. The program shall provide instructional materials of varying levels of difficulty, including fiction and nonfiction works, so that students are continually reading at an appropriate level. In addition, technology should be available to support all areas of literacy.

### Staffing and Professional Development

Teachers are expected to use a variety of instructional strategies to accommodate the needs of beginning readers and the varying abilities of more advanced readers. The program shall provide ongoing diagnosis of students' skills and, as needed, may provide supplementary instruction during the school day and/or outside the regular school session to assist students who are experiencing difficulty learning to read.

The Superintendent or designee shall make available professional development opportunities that are designed to provide instructional staff with knowledge about how students develop language skills, the ability to analyze students' literacy levels, and mastery of instructional strategies and materials.

### Program Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with data from state and district reading assessments and program evaluations to enable the Board to monitor program effectiveness.

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#### Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Governing Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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5 CCR 11980-11985.6	Mathematics and Reading Professional Development Program (AB 466 trainings)
5 CCR 11991-11991.2	Reading First achievement index
Ed. Code 33530-33548	Instructional Quality Commission
Ed. Code 44755-44757.5	Teacher Reading Instruction Development Program, K-3
Ed. Code 51210	Course of study for grades 1-6
Ed. Code 51220	Course of study for grades 7-12
Ed. Code 51225.3	High school graduation requirements
Ed. Code 53008	Screening for risk of reading difficulties
Ed. Code 60119	Sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials; hearing and resolution
Ed. Code 60200.4	Fundamental skills
Ed. Code 60207	Curriculum frameworks
Ed. Code 60350-60352	Core reading program instructional materials
Ed. Code 60605	State-adopted content and performance standards in core curricular areas
Ed. Code 60605.8	Common Core standards
Ed. Code 99220-99221	California Reading Professional Development Institutes
Ed. Code 99230-99242	Mathematics and Reading Professional Development Program (AB 466 trainings)

<u>Federal</u>	<u>Description</u>
20 USC 6381-6381k	Even Start Family Literacy Program
20 USC 6383	Improving literacy through school libraries

<u>Management Resources</u>	<u>Description</u>
California Department of Education Publication	California Comprehensive State Literacy Plan (Draft), rev. May 2025
California Department of Education Publication	English Language Arts/English Language Development Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten through Grade Twelve, 2014
California Department of Education Publication	Recommended Literature: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve
California Department of Education Publication	California Common Core State Standards: English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects, rev. March 2013
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	CSBA
Website	California Department of Education

<u>Cross References</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Code</u>	
0500	Accountability
4131	Staff Development
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6142.94	History-Social Science Instruction
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6146.4	Differential Graduation And Competency Standards For Students With Disabilities
6161.1	Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials
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6162.5	Student Assessment
6162.51	State Academic Achievement Tests
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6163.1	Library Media Centers
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6172	Gifted And Talented Student Program
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6176	Weekend/Saturday Classes
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6179	Supplemental Instruction
6190	Evaluation Of The Instructional Program