

Utah English Language Arts P-12 Standards Implementation Plan

Full statewide implementation of the English Language Arts (ELA) Standards will be during the 2023-2024 school year. Full implementation is defined as utilizing the new Utah P-12 English Language Arts Standards during instruction in ELA courses in grades P-12. Assessment of these new standards will take place during the 2024-2025 school year.

The following provides implementation actions for teachers, leaders, and USBE staff.

Actions for P-12 Teachers:

- Familiarize yourself with the new P-12 English Language Arts Standards
- Review specific shifts in the standards in the introduction section of the standards.
- Attend and participate in professional learning offerings where and when available.
- Prepare to implement and teach the new P-12 English Language Arts Standards
- Ensure full implementation of the P-12 English Language Arts Standards in your classroom.
- Prepare to assess the P-12 English Language Arts Standards in the classroom and ensure classroom assessments align with the new P-12 English Language Arts Standards.
- Use assessment data to inform instruction.

Actions for District and Charter Leaders:

- Before the start of the 2023-2024 school year, initiate discussions with school administration to provide direction based on a district/charter school P-12 English Language Arts Standards Implementation Plan.

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- Develop a plan to identify and provide curricular resources and professional learning supports including timelines, budgets, professional learning, coaching, and evaluation.
- Develop a communication plan for all stakeholders (building administrators, educators, families, community members, etc.)
- Invite and support the attendance and participation of P-12 English Language Arts leaders, coaches, and teachers at USBE English Language Arts Standards Professional Learning.
- Support teachers in their implementation of the new standards with continued professional learning opportunities, PLCs, coaches to support classroom instruction.
- Ensure full implementation of the P-12 English Language Arts Standards in all ELA classrooms.
- Ensure valid and reliable classroom/district assessments of the P-12 English Language Arts Standards are utilized in classrooms.
- Use assessment data to inform district curriculum and instructional decisions.

Actions for the Utah State Board of Education Staff:

- Communicate new ELA standards to all stakeholders.
- Update the USBE and UEN webpages to reflect the new standards and resources.
- Plan, conduct, and support professional learning beginning fall of 2023 and continuing throughout the school year.
- Provide information and messaging to district and charter leaders to build LEA capacity to support implementation.
- Facilitate the creation of and publish the P-12 English Language Arts Standards Core Guides to support educators.
- Create and provide resources as needed.
- Facilitate educators in aligning all statewide assessments to the new English Language Arts Standards including drafting assessment blueprints and

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proficiency level descriptors, aligning current assessment item banks, and developing new assessment items where applicable.

- Work with the core guide committee to develop sample assessment questions.
- Field test the new RISE and Utah Aspire Plus assessments that align with the new standards.
- Facilitate educators in conducting a standard validation or standard setting of the updated assessments.
- Continue collaborative assessment development with the RISE and UA+ vendors to ensure valid and reliable assessments.
- Provide professional learning opportunities for Utah educators to use assessment data for the P-12 English Language Arts Standards.
- Upon board approval, the implementation plan will be shared with stakeholders.

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