

Guidance for K-2 ELA: Foundations and Language and Knowledge

The goal of English language arts (ELA) is for all students to read, understand, and express their understanding of complex, grade-level texts.

To ensure all students enter 3rd grade reading at grade level, K-2 core ELA instruction should include high quality curriculum that addresses (1) Foundations and (2) Language and Knowledge.

Foundations	Language and Knowledge
Skill-based	Knowledge-based
In context and out of context	In context only
Should not move on if not mastered	Engage all students (even struggling students) at grade level
Sequential	Uses all skills at once
Primarily K - 2	K - 12

Therefore, K-2 classrooms in Louisiana could do either of the following:

- Adopt one Tier 1 program that includes both foundations and language and knowledge, or
- Adopt two Tier 1 programs, one for foundations and one for language and knowledge.

Tier 1 programs that include both components are:

- Core Knowledge Language Arts 2nd Edition
- EL Education

Tier 1 pairs could be any pairing of the following:

Foundations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● ARC IRLA● CKLA Skills Strand	Language and Knowledge: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● ARC Core● Guidebooks● Wit and Wisdom
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