




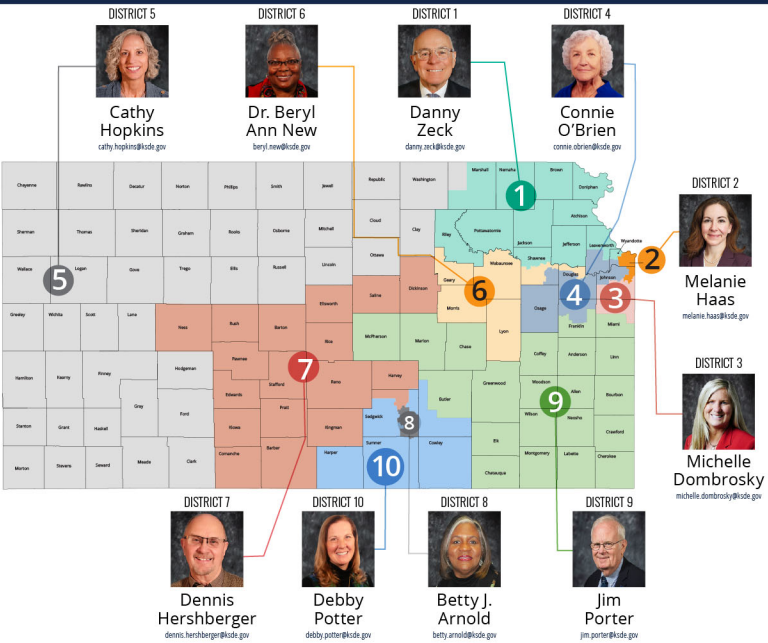
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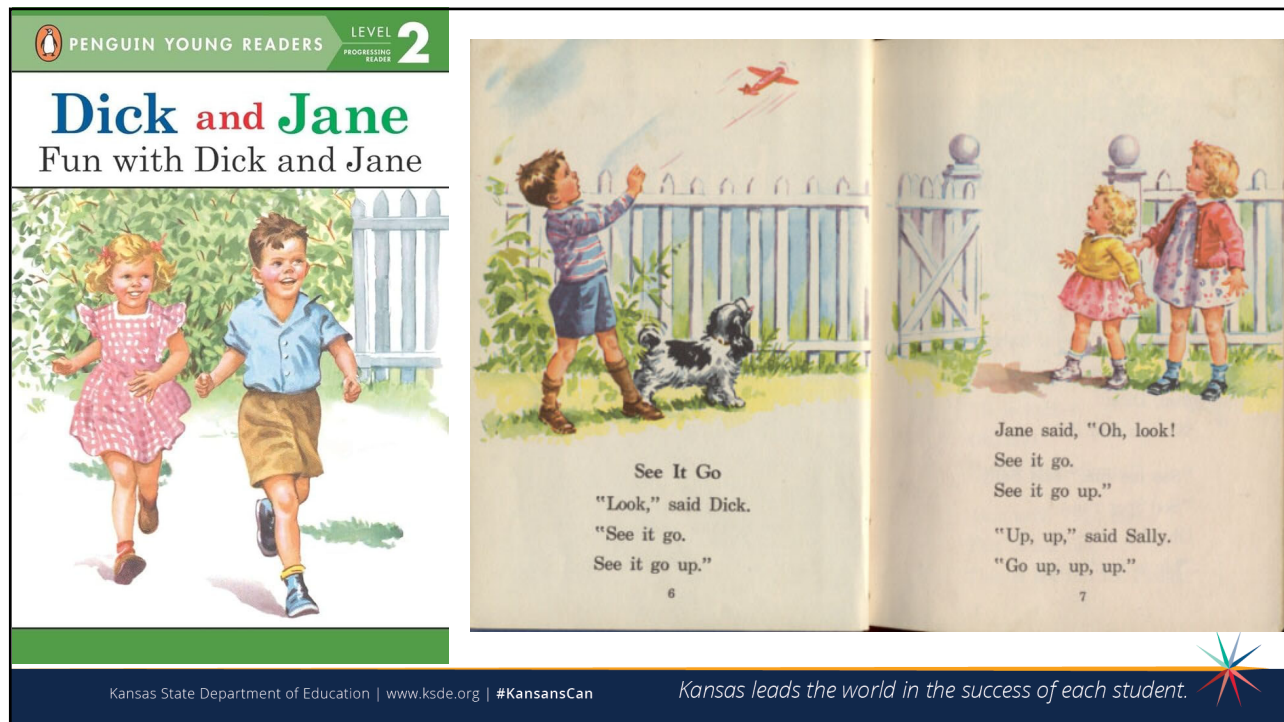
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What action did the State Board take?

- Established high standards in ELA, mathematics and science to be taught in school districts.
- Established high "cut scores" for assessments.

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Kansas State Assessments Performance Level Descriptors

- Level 1: Limited
- Level 2: Basic
- Level 3: Effective
- Level 4: Excellent

Students demonstrates a(n) _____ ability to use and understand the academic skills and knowledge needed for postsecondary success.

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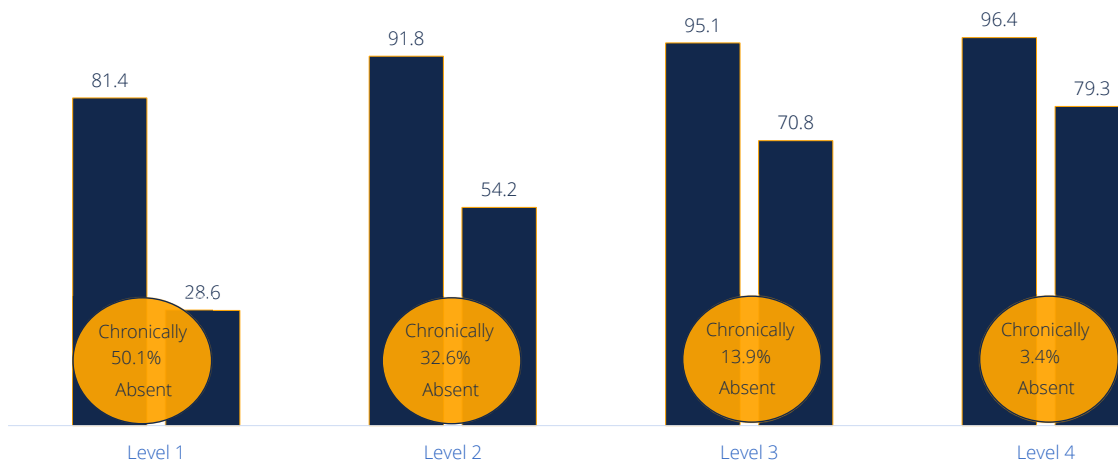


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Kansas State Assessment correlated to Graduation and Post Secondary Effectiveness

Classes of 2017-2019
Approximately 106,000 students

■ Graduation - ELA ■ Post Secondary - ELA



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Literacy





What has been done to date?

- Dyslexia Task Force
- Kansas Education Framework for Literacy
- Kansas Blueprint for Literacy



Dyslexia Handbook






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State Board Puts Focus on Reading



- Required all students in college preparing to teach elementary school to have Science of Reading courses and pass an exam on reading.
- Invested up to 25 million dollars to retrain all elementary teachers and administrators in the Science of Reading.
- Instituted an immediate stop to the practice of 3-cueing.
- Required all elementary level educators and administrators to demonstrate their knowledge of the Science of Reading by 2028 to renew their licenses.

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Science of Reading and Licensure Requirements

Professional Development Training for Veteran Educators

- LETRS
- AIMS Pathways to Proficient Reading
- Keys to Literacy



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Science of Reading and Licensure Requirements

Test Options for Veteran Educators

- ETS - Teaching Reading sub-test
- Pearson:190 Foundations of Reading
- Center for Effective Reading and Instruction - Knowledge and Practice Examination for Effective Reading Instruction (KPEERI)



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School District Size and Facilitators

- 500 - 799 (1 Trainer)
- 800 - 999 (2 Trainers)
- 1,000 - 1,900 (3 Trainers)
- 2,000 - 3,900 (4 Trainers)
- 4,000 - 5,999 (5 Trainers)
- 6,000 - 11,999 (6 Trainers)
- 12,000 - 30,000 (12-15 Trainers)
- 40,000+ Wichita (24 Trainers)



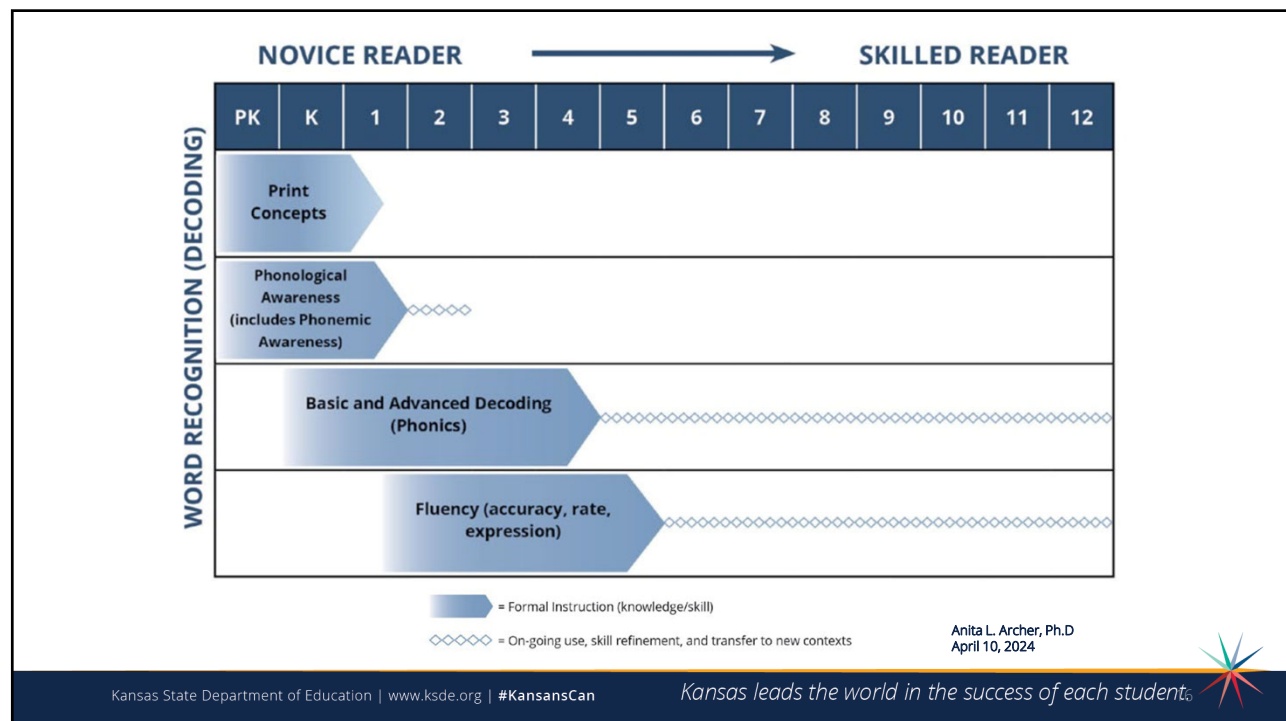
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Kansas Literacy Leaders

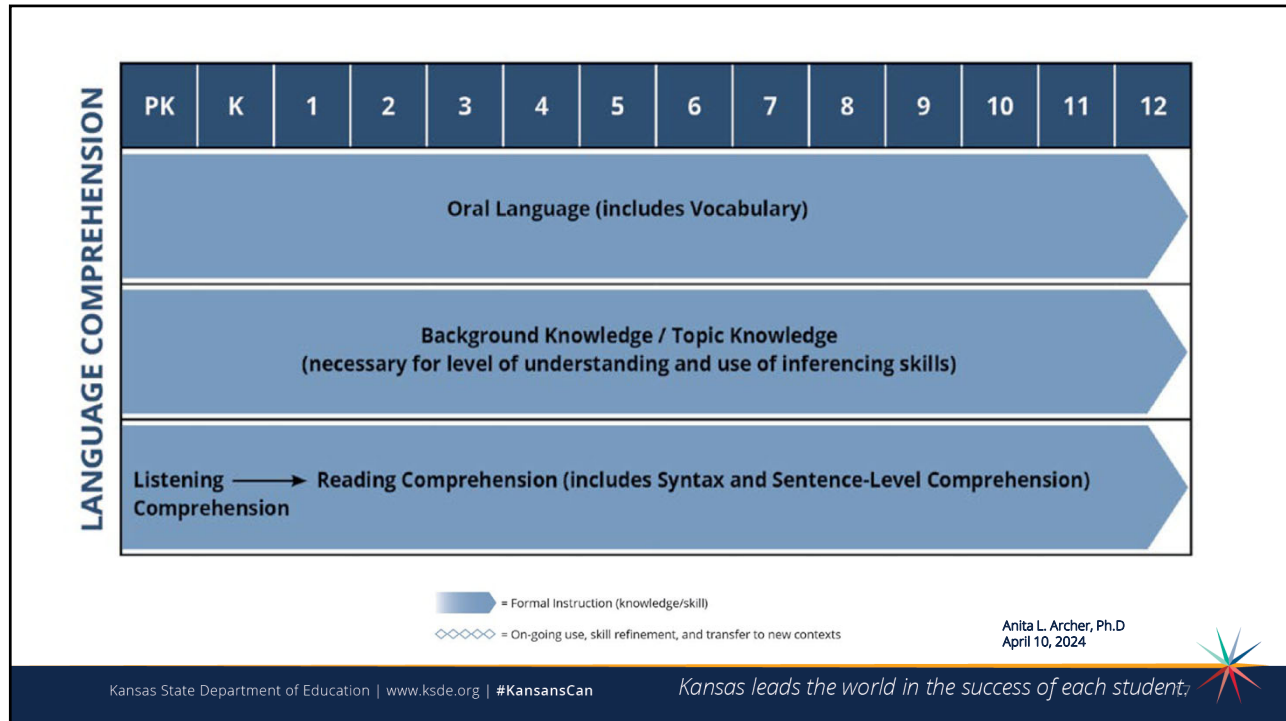
- Train local LETRS facilitators.
- Develop KSDE Literacy Leadership Cadre that will communicate directly with the KSDE Early Literacy/Dyslexia Team.
- Provide ongoing PD for literacy leaders to help teachers implement structured literacy.



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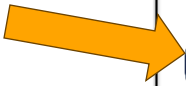



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Seal of Literacy





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Degrees Earned
MA 91
BS 88

LICENSE

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PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

EFFECTIVE: 7/8/2022

EXPIRATION: 7/8/2027

RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

MATHEMATICS 7-12 EFFECTIVE: 03/05/1991

Within the term of the professional license, verification of one of the following:
 Completion of 120 professional development points awarded by a Kansas local professional development council
 OR
 If retired and participating in an educational retirement system in Kansas or another state, completion of 60 professional development points awarded by a Kansas local professional development council
 OR
 If you are completing (or complete) a program to add a new teaching, school specialist or leadership endorsement during this license period, you may renew on 8 of the semester credit hours you complete as part of the program. (Program must be verified by the teacher education institution.)
 OR
 Three years of accredited experience
 OR
 Completion of all components of the national board for professional teaching standards assessment for national board certification
 OR
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Seal of Literacy Data

LETRS Completion

- 2,649 Educators received the Seal of Literacy

ETS Elementary Teaching Reading Subtest (7002)

- 184 Educators have taken the exam (90.2% passed)
Passing percentage 9% higher than the national average (81%)



Kansas Blueprint for Literacy

✶ Teach Every Child to Read ✶



Academic Success - ELA



	Level 1	Levels 3-4
2022	33.9	32.1
2023	32.9	33.2
2024	32.8	33.6

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	2021-2022 Project Year 1	2022-2023 Project Year 2	2023-2024 Project Year 3	2024-2025 Project Year 4	2025-2026 Project Year 5	2026-2027 Project Year 6	2027-2028 School Year
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Cohort 1 - Fall 2021	Learn - Volume 1	Implement - Volume 1 Learn - Volume 2	Shift in Instructional Practices	Outcomes in student data			
Cohort 2 - Winter 2022	Learn - Volume 1	Complete - Volume 1 Begin to Learn - Volume 2	Complete - Volume 2 Implement - Volume 1	Shift in Instructional Practices	Outcomes in student data		
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Training in the Science of Reading
and Structured Literacy (LETRS)

Adoption of High Quality Instructional Materials
(HQIM) aligned to the Science of Reading

Training in using the HQIM with a
the Science of Reading framework

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Improving Literacy for Students in Kansas - Future

Level 4

Reading Specialist
Masters or PhD Degree

School Expert in Reading

Level 3

Second year training with
HQIM for educators

Second year Literacy
Coaching for educators

Other options
from Colleges

Literacy – Deepening the Application in classroom

Level 2

Training with HQIM
for educators

Literacy Coaching for
educators as they teach

Other options
from Colleges

Literacy – Applying the Knowledge in classroom

Level 1

LETRS® for early
childhood educators

LETRS® for elementary
educators and professors

LETRS® for
administrators

Foundation of Literacy – Building the Knowledge

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