

POLICY

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READING, LANGUAGE ARTS, AND ENGLISH INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM FOR GRADES PREKINDERGARTEN – 12

A. PURPOSE

1. The Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) specifies that the school system shall:
 - a. Provide an instructional program in reading and English language arts each year for all students in grades Prekindergarten through 5;
 - b. Provide an instructional program in English language arts for all students grades 6-8;
 - c. Provide an instructional program in reading according to the identified needs of students in grades 6-8; and
 - d. Offer an English program 9-12 which enables students to meet graduation requirements and to select English language arts electives.
2. COMAR also requires the following:
 - a. Reading and English Language Arts Programs in the State provide for the diversity of student needs, abilities, and interests in the early, middle, and high school years; and
 - b. These programs shall include content standards and Core Learning Goals set forth by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

B. ISSUE

COMAR requires that the reading and English language arts programs shall include the content standards set forth by the State and that each local school system shall provide reading and English language arts curriculum documents for the elementary and secondary schools under its jurisdiction that include the State's current content standards

and are aligned with the Voluntary State Curriculum, as developed by MSDE in collaboration with local school systems.

C. POSITION

Each student shall have the opportunity to participate in the comprehensive reading and English language arts program as required by COMAR. The Superintendent shall prepare programs in reading, language arts, and English that meet or exceed the requirements of State law and COMAR.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

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