2026 ENGLISH
TEXTBOOK ADOPTION REPORT

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The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to provide school districts with the 2026 K–12 English Language Arts (ELA) Adoption Snapshot, a resource designed to support informed curriculum decisions and thoughtful planning for the upcoming adoption cycle. This snapshot provides an overview of the state-adopted High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) and highlights key information to help districts evaluate instructional resources, prepare for purchasing, and plan for successful implementation. As districts prepare for the transition to newly adopted ELA materials, MDE encourages district and school leaders to consider how curriculum selection, Curriculum-Based Professional Learning (CBPL), and ongoing instructional support work together to strengthen teaching and learning. The goal is not simply to adopt high-quality materials, but to ensure they are implemented purposefully to improve literacy outcomes for all Mississippi students.

OVERALL RATING: MEETS EXPECTATIONS

READING HORIZONS SNAPSHOT

Program Strengths

- Includes systematic phonics, decoding, encoding, and word study instruction.
- Provides explicit vocabulary, morphology, and fluency instruction.
- Incorporates structured lessons and connected themes to build literacy skills.
- Includes diagnostic, formative, and summative assessments to monitor student progress.
- Provides scripted teacher guidance, instructional resources, and digital learning tools.

Program Challenges

- Provides limited opportunities for extended writing and research-based projects.
- Includes limited variety and complexity of grade-level texts for independent reading.
- Offers inconsistent scaffolding and accommodations for diverse learners.
- Provides limited opportunities for deeper academic discussions and evidence-based responses.
- Presents instructional pacing challenges due to extensive daily lesson requirements.

 No Findings

 Does Not Meet Expectations

 Partially Meets Expectations

 Meets Expectations

READING HORIZONS REVIEW

RUBRIC	GR K-2	GR 3-5
GATEWAY 1 | CRITERION 1.1: Foundational Skills Development Provides systematic instruction in foundational skills, including phonics, decoding, word recognition, and fluency.	 **39 points out of 40 points**	 **36 points out of 40 points**
GATEWAY 1 | CRITERION 1.2: Text Quality and Complexity Includes complex literary and informational texts that build vocabulary, comprehension, and background knowledge.	 **23 points out of 26 points**	 **24 points out of 26 points**
GATEWAY 1 | CRITERION 1.3: Alignment to the Standards with Questions and Tasks Grounded in Evidence Incorporates text-based questions, discussions, writing activities, and language instruction to strengthen literacy skills.	 **26 points out of 29 points**	 **28 points out of 29 points**
GATEWAY 1 | BONUS POINTS: Specific curricula previously listed on the 2020 MDE HQIM approved list are automatically awarded 5 bonus points on Criterion 1.1 for grades K-2 and 3-5.	**0 points out of 5 points**	**0 points out of 5 points**
GATEWAY 2 | CRITERION 2.1: Building Knowledge Organizes instruction around coherent, content-rich units that systematically develop knowledge across grade levels.	 **17 points out of 19 points**	 **19 points out of 19 points**
GATEWAY 2 | CRITERION 2.2: Coherence Provides connected lessons and learning activities that integrate reading, writing, speaking, and listening, although instructional time may present challenges.	 **21 points out of 24 points**	 **21 points out of 24 points**

 No Findings

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GATEWAY 2 | BONUS POINTS: Specific curricula previously listed on the 2020 MDE HQIM approved list are automatically awarded 5 bonus points in Gateway 2.	**0 points out of 5 points**	**0 points out of 5 points**
GATEWAY 3 | CRITERION 3.1: Teacher Supports Includes organized teacher resources, instructional guidance, and professional learning supports for implementation.	 **28 points out of 29 points**	 **25 points out of 29 points**
GATEWAY 3 | CRITERION 3.2: Assessments Provides formative and summative assessments, progress monitoring, and guidance for evaluating student learning.	 **20 points out of 20 points**	 **19 points out of 20 points**
GATEWAY 3 | CRITERION 3.3: Student Supports Includes differentiation, scaffolding, and intervention resources, with some limitations in targeted supports for diverse learners.	 **19 points out of 21 points**	 **20 points out of 21 points**
GATEWAY 3 | CRITERION 3.4: Intentional Design Incorporates digital resources, multimedia tools, and technology-supported instruction to enhance student engagement.	 **11 points out of 12 points**	 **12 points out of 12 points**
GATEWAY 3 | BONUS POINTS: Specific curricula previously listed on the 2020 MDE HQIM approved list are automatically awarded 5 bonus points in Gateway 3.	**0 points out of 5 points**	**0 points out of 5 points**
TOTAL SCORE:	203 POINTS OUT OF 220 POINTS	202 POINTS OUT OF 220 POINTS