

IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD POLICY MANUAL
POLICY GROUP 2 – INSTRUCTION
READING ASSESSMENTS

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Sec 1. SELECTION OF READING INSTRUMENTS

The Commissioner of Education (“Commissioner”) shall adopt a reading instrument that IDEA Public Schools (“IDEA”) shall use at the beginning of the school year to measure a kindergarten student’s foundational literacy skills in reading development and comprehension. A reading instrument adopted under this subsection may include other developmental skills as part of a multidimensional assessment tool. A reading instrument adopted by the commissioner must be based on scientific research concerning foundational literacy skills in reading development and comprehension and provide for measuring the foundational literacy skills in reading development and comprehension of students, including students participating in a bilingual education or special language program.

Tex. Educ. Code § 28.006(b).

Sec. 2. KINDERGARTEN READING READINESS

Not later than the 60th day after the beginning of the school year, IDEA shall administer, at the kindergarten and first and second grade levels, a reading instrument on the list adopted by the Commissioner or by IDEA. The reading instrument shall be administered in accordance with the Commissioner’s recommendations under Education Code 28.006(a)(1) and policies developed by commissioner rule. Note: The 2026-2027 school year is an interim year while TEA adopts updated literacy and numeracy standards in compliance with TEC 28.0063. IDEA is utilizing the TEA’s authorized extension of the prior year’s literacy assessments under the former law through August 2027.

Tex. Educ. Code § 28.006(c-2)

Sec. 3. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

The Superintendent shall:

1. Report the results of the reading instruments to the Commissioner and a public meeting of the Board;
2. Report, in writing or electronically, to a student’s parent or guardian the student’s results on the reading instrument not later than the earlier of the 20th school day or the 30th calendar day after the date on which the results of a reading instrument are available; and
3. Report each student’s raw score on the reading instrument to the TEA using the school readiness certification system.

Tex. Educ. Code § 28.006(d).

Sec. 4. PARENTAL NOTIFICATION

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IDEA shall make a good faith effort to ensure that the report to parents of the results of a reading instrument are provided either in person or electronically, and that the report is clear and easy to understand and is written in English and in the parent or guardian's native language.

Tex. Educ. Code § 28.006(h).

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Sec. 5. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

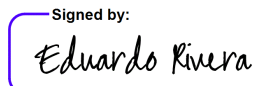
IDEA shall formally implement administrative procedures as reasonably necessary to properly administer this policy and to adhere to applicable law and rule. In doing so, IDEA shall not adopt, and are prohibited from adopting, an administrative procedure that conflicts with applicable law or this policy. Accordingly, IDEA shall confer with the Board or legal counsel before deviating from the requirements set forth in this policy. In the event that a deviation from this policy becomes necessary, IDEA shall either recommend an amendment to this policy or the Board's approval of a specific deviation, including the purpose, scope and duration of the requested deviation.

Sec.6. DATE ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE

As set forth in the pertinent minutes to the meeting of the Board, the Board adopted this policy on August 18, 2026, and it became effective on August 18, 2026. This policy shall be retained until superseded, expired, or discontinued and for five (5) years thereafter in accordance with state law.

Sec. 7. CERTIFICATION

The Undersigned, being the Secretary of the Corporation, hereby certifies that the foregoing represents a true copy of the Board Policy relating to the Reading Assessments Policy, as originally adopted by the Board on February 18, 2022, and as subsequently amended by the Board on August 18, 2026, which Policy, as amended, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked or amended.

Signed by:

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 Ed Rivera, Secretary

8/19/2026
 Date Certified

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