

**Language Arts Curriculum Study and Adoption Task List**  
**2006-2007**

1. Revise and publish language arts objectives
  - a. Identify what students must learn
    - i. What does Illinois expect students to achieve at each grade level?
      1. “Unpack” Illinois Learning Standards
    - ii. How does Illinois assesses mastery at each grade 3-8?
      1. Align the unpacked ILS with Assessment Frameworks
  - b. Draft language for each objective
    - i. Write teacher objectives in teacher language
    - ii. Write I Can Do It statements in student language
  - c. Evaluate the draft teacher objectives and ICDI
    - i. Get input from teachers, kids and parents
    - ii. Revise language for each objective and retest until the committee is satisfied
2. Identify Researched Based Instructional Best Practices
  - a. What skills and concepts does research say must be addressed?
  - b. What pedagogical techniques does research say are effective?
  - c. What of the above should be on the final list of selection criteria?
    - i. Which are ‘make or break’?
    - ii. Which are desirable?
3. Select basal and support materials
  - a. Which publishers offer quality materials?
    - i. How do each publisher’s materials match up to district objectives by grade?
    - ii. How do each publisher’s materials match up to Research Based Best Practices?
  - b. Select the finalists
    - i. Are there any publishers whose offerings align with both the objectives and Research Based Best Practices?
    - ii. Are there combinations of publishers’ offering that align well with both the objectives and Research Based Best Practices?
    - iii. Which two or three packages are acceptable to the committee?
  - c. Choose the materials adoption

- i. How do teachers rate the finalists' offerings on both the grade level objectives and Research Based Best Practices? (Quality)
  - ii. What cost package can be negotiated with each finalist publisher? (Price)
  - iii. Which publisher offers the best combination of quality and price within the adoption budget?
- d. Propose the adoption to the Board.