

# UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Subject:**

ACTION: R277-406, Early Learning Program and Benchmark Assessments (Amendment)

**Agenda item type:**

Action Item

**Recommended Action:**

**MOTION FOR THE BOARD:** That the Board approve R277-406, Early Learning Program and Benchmark Assessments, Draft 3, on second and final reading.

**Background:**

Based on feedback from the field, staff recommends updating the rule to provide additional clarity to expectations surrounding literacy instruction in the early grades.

Staff will present R277-406, Draft 2, for consideration and approval.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401\(4\)](#); [53E-3-521](#); [53E-4-307](#); [53E-4-307.5](#); [53F-2-503\(14\)\(a\)](#); [53G-7-203](#)

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**Attachments:**

1. R277-406 - Draft 4 - February 2024 Board
2. R277-406 - Draft 3 - February 2024 Board
3. R277-406 - Draft 2 - January 2024 Committee
4. R277-406 - Draft 1 - January 2024 Committee
5. R277- 406 - Reporting Burden and Fiscal Impact Estimate Form
6. DRAFT\_ Utah's Literacy Curriculum List\_
7. Evaluation Criteria for ELA Evidence-Based Curriculum
8. Science of Reading Curriculum Checklist
9. Literacy System of Support LEAs and Support Strategies