

FDOE Adult Education Curriculum Frameworks Updates

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Question #1: Why was the decision made to offer the Adult Basic Education Reasoning through Language Arts (ABE-RLA) course?

Answer #1: The new ABE-RLA course aligns with the K-12 Florida B.E.S.T. standards and GED test (Reasoning through Language Arts), which integrate the instruction of reading and writing.

Question #2: How will students be placed into the ABE-RLA course?

Answer #2: Programs will place students into the ABE-RLA course by their Reading or Language pre-test score.

Question #3: Are we required to administer both Reading and Language assessments for placement?

Answer #3: Programs are encouraged, but not required, to administer both Reading and Language assessments for placement into the ABE-RLA course. If programs decide not to administer the Reading or Language assessment for placement, instructors should assess a student's reading or writing ability using formative assessments in the classroom to ensure the student is receiving appropriate instructional support.

Question #4: Can Adult Education programs enroll students solely in the ABE-RLA course instead of enrolling them in both the ABE Reading and ABE Language Arts courses?

Answer # 4: Yes. Since both Reading and Language Arts (writing) standards are integrated in the new ABE-RLA course, programs are no longer required to offer a separate Language Arts (writing) course. It is allowable for ABE students to enroll in only the RLA course instead of both ABE Reading and Language courses.

Question #5: Are we allowed to use the prior Reading (SD: 9900002 or FCS: ABX0200-ABX0299) and Language (SD: 9900003 or FCS: ABX0300-ABX0399) courses for Adult Basic Education students?

Answer #5: Yes, in 2022-2023 the prior courses will still be available for students. They have been daggered for deletion after the 2022-2023 school year. Note that students cannot be enrolled in the new ABE-RLA course and the individual Reading or Language course simultaneously.

Question #6: Where are the Career and Education planning, digital literacy, and workforce planning sections that were previously included in the Reading and Language curriculum frameworks

Answer #6: The Employability Curriculum Framework/Standards have been developed as a separate document (and taken out of the RLA and Math Frameworks). This provides language, clear direction, and examples to integrate employability skills into IETs and improve programming. The sections about career and education planning, digital literacy, and workforce planning have been taken out of the RLA, Math and ESOL frameworks because the information has been included in the Employability skills curriculum framework.

Question #7: How will LCPs be calculated with the new combined RLA course?

Answer #7: LCPs will be calculated based on the gains in educational functioning level for the reading and language tests. Note that students can be placed in the RLA course by either their reading or language pre-tests. Students can only earn LCPs in subjects for which they have a pre-test score.

Question #8: When will the new RLA course take effect?

Answer #8: July 1, 2022