Kansas Guide to Learning: Literacy
Fact Sheet

What is the *Kansas Guide to Learning: Literacy*?
The *Kansas Guide to Learning: Literacy (KGLL)* is a resource for caregivers and educators that provides comprehensive, integrated, and research-based recommendations about the critical elements of curricula and instruction for children birth through grade 12. The goal of this resource is to improve literacy learning in children and youth.

What ages does the *Kansas Guide to Learning: Literacy* provide recommendations for?
The KGLL provides recommendations in the following age ranges:
Birth – Age Five
Kindergarten – Grade 5
Grades 6-12

What literacy recommendations are provided at each age?
Birth - Age Five
- Language, Listening, Speaking
- Foundations of Reading
- Foundations of Writing

Kindergarten – Grade 5
- Language
- Listening and Speaking
- Reading (Literature, Informational Text, Foundational Skills, and Interventions)
- Writing

Grades 6-12
- Language
- Listening and Speaking
- Reading (Literature, Informational Text, and Interventions)
- Writing

What other KSDE initiatives integrate with the *Kansas Guide to Learning: Literacy*?
- Kansas Common Core Standards
- Kansas Early Learning Standards
- KSDE Accreditation Model
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- Technical Assistance System Network (TASN)

Why was the *Kansas Guide to Learning: Literacy* created?
The KGLL strives to support educators, parents, and students across the state of Kansas. This effort by KSDE is designed to streamline communication and centralize literacy resources from the agency to caregivers and educators.

Who is involved in bringing the *Kansas Guide to Learning: Literacy* to caregivers and educators?
The Division of Learning Services at KSDE created an internal agency team to begin drafting the framework and then assembled a State Literacy Team composed of educators from across the state to assist in moving the project through to completion. The members of the state literacy team are Judy Beemer (USD 475), Don Deshler (KU), Jim Heiman (retired USD 500), Socorro Herrera (KSU), Miki Herman (KU), Chelie Nelson (KU-KITS), Judy Rockley (MTSS), Leigh Ann Roderick (USD 459), Denise Seguine (USD 259), Gary Sechrist (USD 405), Lynn Bechtel, Matt Copeland, Gayle Stuber, Melinda Stanley, and Laurie Winter at KSDE.

How does the *Kansas Guide to Learning: Literacy* help caregivers and preschool teachers?
The *Kansas Guide to Learning: Literacy* compliments the *Kansas Early Learning Standards* and gives caregivers and preschool teachers research-based ideas for interacting with children in the areas of language, listening, speaking as well as early reading and writing foundations.

How does the *Kansas Guide to Learning: Literacy* help school district leadership and teachers?
The *Kansas Guide to Learning: Literacy* provides comprehensive recommendations for effective instruction and elements of curricula, as well as critical questions and considerations for teaching and learning. This guide is a resource to support administrators and teachers to design lessons that promote the competencies needed for students to meet and exceed the Kansas Common Core Standards in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade.

KSDE Resources
KSDE Literacy Website:
http://www.ksde.org/literacy
Kansas Common Core Standards Website:
http://www.ksde.org/kscommoncore
Kansas Early Learning Standards
http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3321
Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS):
http://www.kansasmtss.org
Technical Assistance System Network (TASN):
http://www.kasetasn.org

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