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Joint Understanding Nebraska College- and Career-Ready English Language Arts Standards and Indicators

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In September 2013, the Nebraska State Board of Education directed members of the Nebraska Department of Education staff to review and revise the Nebraska English Language Arts Standards in accordance with *Nebraska Rev. Stat. Section 79-760.01* which requires academic content standards to be reviewed and updated every five years.

In November 2013, 19 representatives from the University of Nebraska, Nebraska State Colleges, Nebraska Community Colleges, and Independent Colleges and Universities gathered with Nebraska Department of Education employees and representatives from Nebraska high schools to evaluate the 2009 English Language Arts Standards for college and career readiness. The groups reviewed and discussed expectations, producing a set of recommendations for revision that would result in standards that would prepare students to participate in postsecondary, credit-bearing, freshman courses without the need for remediation.

During meetings occurring from December 2013 to August 2014, a panel of nearly 30 educators from across the state came together to review and revise the English Language Arts Standards. This was followed by an extensive public input process including an opportunity for business and industry representatives to provide suggestions.

The standards have now been reviewed and revised to include ideas and suggestions from individuals involved with business and industry, postsecondary education, PreK-12 education, and the public.

Therefore, be it resolved that Nebraska's 2014 English Language Arts Standards shall serve as the State of Nebraska's college and career ready standards in the areas of reading, writing, speaking/listening, and multiple literacies.



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