

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Mississippi Language Arts Framework 2006 was developed based on national standards, scientifically-based reading research, best practices in the teaching of the language arts, curricula of other states, and the existing Mississippi Language Arts Framework 2000. Increased rigor for the framework was addressed through an analysis of the depth of knowledge levels for language arts competencies and objectives utilizing Dr. Norman Webb's model. The proposed framework reflects recommendations from Dr. Webb, as well as, recommendations obtained through external curriculum reviews conducted during this revision cycle. Based upon comments received during the APA process, two changes were made to the frameworks:

- Bulleted items were changed to numbered items to facilitate tracking of objectives/benchmarks throughout the document,
- In the third grade framework, under competency one, objective a was deleted.

Electronic copies of the framework are available on-line at the following site:
<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/ACAD/ID/Curriculum/LAER/outline.html>