



**MA Public Adult Education
Professional Development System**
A PUBLIC ADULT EDUCATION OF MA PROGRAM

TOP 10 BACK-TO-SCHOOL SABES ELA COURSES and RESOURCES (FY27)

Welcome to a new school year! The SABES English Language Arts (ELA) PD Team is eager to support your ELA curriculum and instruction needs. Below is a list of high-quality PD opportunities, resources, and instructional materials. All resources align with the [MA Professional Standards for Teachers of Adult Basic Education](#) and the [College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education \(CCRSAE\)](#). We also offer program-based ELA PD and instructional coaching upon request.

1. [SABES PD Pathways Guide](#)

The SABES PD Pathways Guide offers suggested PD pathways for staff who are new to their role or new to adult education in general. Whether you are new yourself or a program leader supporting the onboarding process, this document can help chart a course through the many SABES professional development offerings.

2. [FY27 SABES ELA PD Year-at-a-Glance](#)

To help you and your teams plan your professional development for the year, we've created a [PD Year-at-a-Glance resource](#) that lists the English Language Arts events from September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

3. [English Language Arts \(ELA\) Foundations Academy \(Online Blended\)](#)

This new offering is a comprehensive course designed to equip ELA teachers with the skills needed to deliver effective and engaging ELA instruction to adult learners. Through self-paced activities, live sessions, and coaching, participants will explore topics including student engagement, lesson planning, evidence-based reading instruction, and workforce readiness to build an impactful, highly reflective ELA teaching practice. The course runs from **Jan. 11, 2027 to May 21, 2027**.

4. [Overview of Evidence-Based Reading Instruction \(On-Demand\)](#)

This new, on-demand course provides an introduction to [evidence-based reading instruction \(EBRI\)](#). Learn about the four essential components of reading (alphabets, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension) and how they interrelate, the role of diagnostic assessment, and the basic tenets of explicit instruction. The course is open from **Oct. 5, 2026 to May 28, 2027**. Register through the link above.

5. **[Evidence-Based Reading Instruction \(EBRI\) PD Series](#)**

The SABES ELA PD team provides a range of courses to help teachers implement evidence-based reading instruction (EBRI). Complete at least 8 hours of EBRI PD to receive a SABES EBRI Series Certificate of Completion. [Learn more about the FY27 EBRI Series](#) on the SABES website.

6. **[ELA Curriculum Hub](#)**

The ELA Curriculum Hub has a variety of resources that will assist you with planning for instruction, including curriculum templates, review guides, and [sample ELA curricula](#).

7. **[Recipe for Success 2.0: The ABE Content Standards & Instructional Shifts for ELA \(Self-Paced\)](#)**

This engaging course provides an overview of the College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education for English Language Arts and Literacy (CCRS-ELA). The course runs from **Sept. 15, 2026 to Oct. 20, 2026**.

8. **[ELA Proficiency Guide and Related Resources](#)**

The [English Language Arts Proficiency Guide for Teachers of Adult Basic Education](#) is based on the [ABE Professional Standards](#). This great resource for new and experienced teachers contains ELA-specific supporting explanations for the professional standards, along with observable ELA teacher and student behaviors.

9. **[ELA Self-Evaluation Tool \(ELA-SET\)](#)**

The ELA Self-Evaluation Tool (ELA-SET) allows MA ELA teachers to reflect on their ELA practice by responding to a 30-item online survey. Each item is aligned with an ABE Professional Standard, and teachers receive scores that indicate their strengths and areas for growth relative to the standards. This information can then be used to help create a professional learning plan.

10. **[Using the ELA Proficiency Guide to Enhance Teaching and Learning \(Self-Paced\)](#)**

This course introduces ABE/ASE practitioners and instructional leaders to the ELA Proficiency Guide, which applies the Massachusetts ABE Professional Standards to ELA instruction. The content includes self-reflection activities that culminate in the development of a professional learning goal. This course runs from **Dec. 8, 2026 to Jan. 19, 2027**.

Contact us if you have questions or need assistance!

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