



Consultation opens for the English learning area Years 0-6

Priority 1: Establishing a knowledge-rich curriculum grounded in the science of learning
Priority 2: Implementing evidence-based instruction in early literacy and mathematics

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The draft learning area for English Years 0-6 in The New Zealand Curriculum (NZC) is now available. We welcome your feedback on this content during our consultation from 26 August – 20 September. The final version is due to be released in Term 4.

The first draft of the Year 0-6 English learning area is now ready for your review and feedback. As school leaders, classroom practitioners and experienced professionals your insights are a valuable part of this process and will help ensure that we have a world-leading curriculum.

So far, this work has been contributed to by teachers, subject-matter experts, school leaders, and curriculum design experts. It has been shared with sector representative groups for initial feedback and independently reviewed by the Education Review Office (ERO) who have drawn on their leadership partners from schools and kura around the country as well as international experts.

You can read the draft content for the English learning area for Years 0-6 and have your say here: [Draft English Curriculum — Open for Consultation \(education.govt.nz\)](https://www.education.govt.nz/draft-english-curriculum/)

This is your first opportunity to provide feedback. Thank you for taking the time to share your insights on work done to date. Final versions are due to be presented as online resources in Term 4 2024. The next round of feedback will be open at the end of 2025 once you've had the opportunity to embed the content into your classrooms.

As you provide your feedback, please consider how this document will support teachers anywhere in their teaching journey, but especially our new beginning teachers as they build confidence and fluency in the curriculum content and sequence.

The draft English learning area for Years 7-13 will be released in Term 4 for consultation and feedback throughout 2025.

Is this the final presentation?

The draft English learning area is currently presented as a PDF for your feedback. **This is not yet formatted for online or the final hard copy.** We have focus groups of teachers and principals providing advice on an online format of the curriculum. The final version will be interactive, easy to navigate and connected to valuable resources that we will continue to add to over time. We've already heard from you through the maths consultation that you have exciting ideas about how the maths learning area is presented. For example, one-page summaries for the progressions. We'll be acting on this feedback.

What you will recognise and what is new

The English learning area will sit within the New Zealand Curriculum Framework (Te Mātaiaho). This framework will continue to be refined alongside the development of all learning areas.

You will recognise:

- The Understand Know Do (UKD) model
- Phases of learning and progress outcomes
- Previously seen elements of the Common Practice Model (CPM)

What's new:

- Increased teaching guidance and year-by-year teaching sequences to reduce your workload and provide clarity on what should be taught and when
- The NZC and the CPM completed and combined into one place

Supporting you to use the English learning area

As you start to use the updated English learning area next year, we'll support you in a range of ways as you implement the updated content including through Professional Learning and Development (PLD).

- The first cohort of Years 0-3 teachers is now receiving new PLD in structured literacy approaches delivered by Ministry-approved providers.
- Applications for the second cohort of Years 0-3 teachers open 26 August, with an expansion to teachers of Years 4-8 in 2025.
- Cohort 2 PLD will be delivered in Term 4 2024 and Term 1 2025.

Ministry-funded PLD in structured literacy approaches is also being delivered through the Better Start Literacy Approach in Term 3 and Term 4 2024. We'll be monitoring how schools are progressing with embedding structured literacy approaches to ensure we are providing the right level of support.

Your questions answered

The new English and Te Reo Rangatira (Years 0-6) and maths and pāngarau (Years 0-8) curriculum will be required for use from Term 1 2025. But our work to jointly progress the content with you won't stop there. We know you'll have important insights and experiences to share with us as you bring the content to life in your classrooms.

The timing of this is that:

- The Minister of Education will issue the Years 0-6 English and Te Reo Rangatira curriculum and Years 0-8 maths and pāngarau curriculum in the New Zealand Gazette at the end of 2024 for required use in 2025.
- The Minister of Education will issue the final full Years 0-13 English, Te Reo Rangatira, maths and pāngarau curriculum at the end of 2025 for required use in 2026. This will incorporate any amendments for Years 0-6 English and Te Reo Rangatira and Years 0-8 maths and pāngarau in response to feedback we receive from you during 2025.