

ILA has received a number of inquiries about the development of the *Standards for the Preparation of Literacy Professionals 2017* (*Standards 2017*). The following FAQ is intended to respond to the most frequently asked questions. If you have additional questions, please email Diane Kern at dkern@reading.org.

► **Q1: What literacy professional roles are addressed in *Standards 2017*?**

A1: There are literacy professional preparation standards for nine roles, organized in five categories:

- Specialized Literacy Professionals (reading/literacy specialists, literacy coaches, literacy coordinators/supervisors)
- Classroom Teachers (pre-K/primary, elementary/intermediate, middle/high school)
- Principals
- Teacher Educators
- Literacy Partners

► **Q2: When will the draft of the 2017 standards for the role of reading/literacy specialists be available online for use?**

A2: The 2017 standards for the preparation of reading/literacy specialists are available online [here](#). Programs using the ILA reading/literacy specialist standards as part of the CAEP program review with national recognition process should continue to collect data using *Standards for Reading Professionals—Revised 2010* (*Standards 2010*) until further notice. In the meantime, programs may review the 2017 standards and consider the necessary program assessments and courses necessary to meet them.

► **Q3: The 2017 standards describe standards for three specialized literacy professional roles. When using these standards for preparing candidates for the reading/literacy specialist certification, should one program prepare candidates for all three roles?**

A3: Programs preparing reading/literacy specialists should use standards for that role only. The other two roles are used to inform development of programs that prepare literacy coaches and literacy coordinators/supervisors.

► **Q4: When will *Standards 2017* be published and available for purchase?**

A4: Spring 2018. The 2017 standards were unanimously approved by the ILA Board of Directors in January 2018. Check this FAQ page and the [ILA homepage](#) for announcements when the publication is available.

► **Q5: How does *Standards 2017* differ from *Standards 2010*?**

A5: Please click [here](#) for a summary of the shifts between *Standards 2010* and *Standards 2017*.

► **Q6: Will *Standards 2017* have standards for classroom teachers?**

A6: Yes. *Standards 2017* will provide in-depth guidance on research-based, best practices for literacy instruction and assessment for pre-K/primary, elementary/intermediate, and middle/high school classroom teachers.

Standards 2017 will be presented in the following areas at the [ILA 2018 Conference](#) in Austin, TX, July 20–23:

- ILA 2017 Standards: Preparing Effective Classroom Literacy Teachers session, Saturday, July 21, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Meet the *Standards 2017* lead writers for a Q & A at ILA Central (Date TBA)