

# Welcome Hernando County Educators and Board members to Study Sync 2026

Florida StudySync continues to be grounded in research-based best practices for 6-8 English Language Arts instruction. The latest edition has been enhanced to ensure a solid alignment with B.E.S.T. standards and Science of Reading research. **Feature enhancements and new additions to the program are outlined below:**

Category	Grades 6-8
Explicit Knowledge Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2 new</b> text-based Knowledge Building Blasts, per unit</li> <li>• <b>42 new</b> informational articles (each provided at three distinct Lexile levels)</li> <li>• <b>9 enhanced</b> Literary Focus lessons</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>190 enhanced</b> texts include a new Develop Knowledge or Develop Fluency activity with explicit guidance to the teacher.</li> </ul>
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>42 enhanced</b> vocabulary lessons create a clearer sequence of explicit vocabulary instruction.</li> <li>• <b>21 new</b> Vocabulary Practice lessons in every unit.</li> </ul>
Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>36 new</b> FAST ELA Quizzes (2 per unit)</li> <li>• <b>18 new</b> B.E.S.T. Writing lessons</li> <li>• <b>14 new</b> FAST Test Prep skill lessons per grade.</li> </ul>
Foundational Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>41 new</b> Fluency lessons</li> <li>• <b>9 new</b> Fluency Benchmark assessments (3 per grade level)</li> <li>• <b>41 new</b> Word Study lessons</li> </ul>
Additional Enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expanded selection of LMS integration options</li> <li>• FAST ELA Reading practice tests and skill lessons in print and digital formats</li> <li>• Fast, verbal teacher feedback on writing with the Video Feedback Tool</li> <li>• Ability to customize text selections with the District Administrator Tool</li> </ul>