

Curriculum Planning Document – Language Arts

Content Area/Grade Level: English Language Arts K-12

Course Description:

6th grade Language Arts-This two-semester course provides exposure to literary, informational, and expository texts while also teaching the rudiments of literary analysis and writing. Students also receive explicit instruction focused on standardized test-taking skills.

7th grade Language Arts- This two-semester course teaches literary and reading comprehension skills. Each unit is constructed around several core types of lessons: skills, informational, communications, and grammar and writing.

8th grade Language Arts- This two-semester course focuses on high school preparation by exposing students to acclaimed authors, high-stakes testing preparation, and intensive critical reading and writing activities.

9th grade Language Arts-This year-long high school course exposes the students to classic literature and poetry, 21st Century media skills, and the 6+1 writing traits.

10th grade Language Arts- This year-long high school course continues to expose students to world literature, drama, and poetry with an emphasis on developing the expository writing style.

11th grade Language Arts-This year-long, high school course meets the requirements for an American Literature class, particularly as a survey of literary works by notable American authors and poets as well as American literary time periods and movements. Students also receive instruction in informational, communication, grammar, and writing topics.

12th grade Language Arts-This year-long high school course meets the requirements for a British Literature course, particularly as a survey of literary works by notable British authors, poets, and playwrights as well as British literary movements and time periods. Students also receive instruction in informational, communication, grammar, and writing topics.

	Educational Delivery Methodologies	Evidence of Mastery	Comments
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Strand: Reading Standards for Literature

<p>Cluster 1: Key Ideas and Details</p>	<p>Methodologies include computer assisted learning, direct instruction videos that model reading strategies like summary, literary devices, online text readings/novels, online communication, announcements, online help.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journals • Homework/ Practice • Quiz/Test • Essay writing 	<p>Language Arts 6-12</p>
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Cluster 2: Craft and Structure	Methodologies include computer assisted learning, direct instruction videos modeling the 6+1 writing traits and text structure, online text readings/novels, online communication, announcements, online help.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journals • Homework/ Practice • Quiz/Test • Essay writing 	Language Arts 6-12
Cluster 3: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	Methodologies include computer assisted learning, direct instruction videos modeling the 6+1 writing traits and text structure, online text readings/novels, online communication, announcements, online help.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journals • Homework/ Practice • Quiz/Test • Essay writing 	Language Arts 6-12
Cluster 4: Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	Methodologies include computer assisted learning, direct instruction videos, online text readings/novels, online vocabulary, online communication, online help. eReader helps translate text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journals • Homework/ Practice • Quiz/Test 	Language Arts 6-12 Course work is aimed at grade level but incorporates a range of reading levels to accommodate the varied reading abilities of students.
Strand: Reading Standards for Informational Text			
Cluster 1: Key Ideas and Details	Methodologies include computer assisted learning, direct instruction videos that model reading strategies like summary, online text readings/novels, online communication, announcements, online help	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journals • Homework/ Practice • Quiz/Test • Essay writing 	Language Arts 6-12

Cluster 2: Craft and Structure	Methodologies include computer assisted learning, direct instruction videos that discuss author’s purpose and style, online text readings/novels, online communication, announcements, online help.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journals • Homework/ Practice • Quiz/Test • Essay writing 	Language Arts 6-12
Cluster 3: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	Methodologies include computer assisted learning, direct instruction videos, online text readings/novels, online journals, online vocabulary, electronic links, online communication, announcements, online help.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journals • Homework/ Practice • Quiz/Test • Essay writing 	Language Arts 6-12
Cluster 4: Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	Methodologies include computer assisted learning, direct instruction videos, online text readings/novels, online vocabulary, online communication, online help. eReader helps translate text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journals • Homework/ Practice • Quiz/Test 	Language Arts 6-12
Strand: Reading Standards: Foundational Skills (K-5 Only)			
Cluster 1: Print Concepts (K-1 only)	N/A		E2020 courses only cover grades 6-12
Cluster 2: Phonological Awareness (K-1 Only)	N/A		
Cluster 3: Phonics and Word Recognition	N/A		
Cluster 4: Fluency	N/A		
Strand: Writing Standards			

Cluster 1: Text Types and Purposes	Activities include online journals, online eWriting tool, electronic essay grading, direct instruction classroom video, online homework/practice, range of electronic readings, online help and communication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative, expository, persuasive, instructional, compare-and-contrast essays • Threaded discussion posts 	Language Arts 6-12
Cluster 2: Production and Distribution of Writing	Activities include online journals, online eWriting tool that emphasizes the 6+1 traits of writing and the writing process, electronic essay grading, direct instruction classroom video, online help and communication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative, expository, persuasive, instructional, compare-and-contrast essays • Threaded discussion posts 	Language Arts 6-12
Cluster 3: Research to Build and Present Knowledge	Activities include online journals, online eWriting tool that emphasizes the 6+1 traits of writing and the writing process, electronic essay grading, direct instruction classroom video, online help and communication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note cards • Homework/ Practice regarding effective researching skills and tools 	Language Arts 6-12
Cluster 4: Range of Writing	Activities include online journals, online eWriting tool that emphasizes the 6+1 traits of writing and the writing process, electronic essay grading, direct instruction classroom video, online help and communication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative, expository, persuasive, instructional, compare-and-contrast essays 	Language Arts 6-12
Strand: Speaking and Listening Standards			

Cluster 1: Comprehension and Collaboration	Listening: Students listen to direct instruction videos and audio vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration corner-threaded discussions • Online journals • Homework/Practice • Essay writing • Quiz/Test 	E2020 courses do not include a speaking component
Cluster 2: Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas	Students listen to direct instruction videos of highly qualified teachers modeling presentation skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write speeches • Design presentations • Collaboration corner-threaded discussions 	Language Arts 6-12
Strand: Language Standards			
Cluster 1: Conventions of Standard English	Methodologies include computer assisted learning, direct instruction videos, online text readings and activities, online vocabulary, online communication, and online help.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online journals • Homework/Practice • Essay writing • Quiz/Test 	Language Arts 6-12
Cluster 2: Knowledge of Language (Begins Grade 2)	Methodologies include computer assisted learning, direct instruction videos, online text readings, online vocabulary, online communication, online help.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online journals • Homework/Practice • Essay writing • Quiz/Test 	Language Arts 6-12
Cluster 3: Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audio vocabulary, definitions, and contextual sentences • eReader-translation tool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online journals • Homework/Practice • Essay writing • Quiz/Test 	Language Arts 6-12

Other Language Arts courses:

Introduction to Communications and Speech: One-semester high school course covers communications and speech. The course includes topics on human communication, verb and nonverbal messages,

cultural and gender differences, interpersonal, group, and organizational communication, public speaking and speech writing.

IDEA Writing: Instruction to Develop Expository and Applied Writing is a one semester intensive writing course. Students will use the writing process and 6 +1 traits.

Advanced Placement English Language and Composition: Students will study the ways writers use language to create meaning. Students will read and analyze numerous genres of nonfiction prose including essays, journalism, political writing, science writing, nature writing, autobiographies/biographies, diaries, speeches, history writing, and criticism. Students focus the majority of their practice on writing expository, analytical, and argumentative essays. Analysis is based on writers who are listed in the AP English Course Description from the College Board. In addition to writing, students also study visual rhetoric such as photographs, advertisements, and political cartoons. As suggested in the AP English Course Description, students learn “to read primary and secondary sources carefully, to synthesize material from these texts in their own compositions, and to cite sources using conventions recommended by the Modern Language Association.” To develop the students’ critical reading and writing skills, the class relies on students composing original essays, which are then closely read by peers and revised by the writer. This course has been designed to help students successfully achieve a passing score on the AP Exam.