

ATTACHMENT II  
Text of Proposed New 19 TAC

**Chapter 110. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading**

**Subchapter A. Elementary**

**§110.1. Implementation of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading, Elementary, Adopted 2017.**

- (a) The provisions of this section and §§110.2-110.7 of this title shall be implemented by school districts.
- (b) No later than August 31, 2018, the commissioner of education shall determine whether instructional materials funding has been made available to Texas public schools for materials that cover the essential knowledge and skills for English language arts and reading as adopted in §§110.2-110.7 of this title.
- (c) If the commissioner makes the determination that instructional materials funding has been made available under subsection (b) of this section, §§110.2-110.7 of this title shall be implemented beginning with the 2019-2020 school year and apply to the 2019-2020 and subsequent school years.
- (d) If the commissioner does not make the determination that instructional materials funding has been made available under subsection (b) of this section, the commissioner shall determine no later than August 31 of each subsequent school year whether instructional materials funding has been made available. If the commissioner determines that instructional materials funding has been made available, the commissioner shall notify the State Board of Education and school districts that §§110.2-110.7 of this title shall be implemented for the following school year.
- (e) Sections 110.11-110.16 of this title shall be superseded by the implementation of this section and §§110.2-110.7 of this title.

**§110.2. English Language Arts and Reading, Kindergarten, Adopted 2017.**

- (a) Introduction.
  - (1) The English language arts and reading Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on academic oracy (proficiency in oral expression and comprehension), authentic reading, and reflective writing to ensure a literate Texas. The strands are integrated and progressive with students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity and nuance in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.
  - (2) The seven strands of the essential knowledge and skills for English language arts and reading are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes and are recursive in nature. Strands include the four domains of language (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and their application in order to accelerate the acquisition of language skills so that students develop high levels of social and academic language proficiency. Although some strands may require more instructional time, each strand is of equal value, may be presented in any order, and should be integrated throughout the year. It is important to note that encoding (spelling) and decoding (reading) are reciprocal skills. Decoding is internalized when tactile and kinesthetic opportunities (encoding) are provided. Additionally, students should engage in academic conversations, write, read, and be read to on a daily basis with opportunities for cross-curricular content and student choice.
  - (3) Text complexity increases with challenging vocabulary, sophisticated sentence structures, nuanced text features, cognitively demanding content, and subtle relationships among ideas (Texas Education Agency, *STAAR Performance Level Descriptors*, 2013). As skills and knowledge are obtained in each of the seven strands, students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater

depth to increasingly complex texts in multiple genres as they become self-directed, critical learners who work collaboratively while continuously using metacognitive skills.

- (4) English language learners (ELLs) are expected to meet standards in a second language; however, their proficiency in English influences the ability to meet these standards. To demonstrate this knowledge throughout the stages of English language acquisition, comprehension of text requires additional scaffolds such as adapted text, translations, native language support, cognates, summaries, pictures, realia, glossaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, and other modes of comprehensible input. ELLs can and should be encouraged to use knowledge of their first language to enhance vocabulary development; vocabulary needs to be in the context of connected discourse so that it is meaningful. Strategic use of the student's first language is important to ensure linguistic, affective, cognitive, and academic development in English.
  - (5) Current research stresses the importance of effectively integrating second language acquisition with quality content area education in order to ensure that ELLs acquire social and academic language proficiency in English, learn the knowledge and skills, and reach their full academic potential. Instruction must be linguistically accommodated in accordance with the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and the student's English language proficiency levels to ensure the mastery of knowledge and skills in the required curriculum is accessible. For a further understanding of second language acquisition needs, refer to the ELPS and proficiency-level descriptors adopted in Chapter 74, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Required Curriculum).
  - (6) Oral language proficiency holds a pivotal role in school success; verbal engagement must be maximized across grade levels (Kinsella, 2010). In order for students to become thinkers and proficient speakers in science, social studies, mathematics, fine arts, language arts and reading, and career and technical education, they must have multiple opportunities to practice and apply the academic language of each discipline (Fisher, Frey, & Rothenberg, 2008).
  - (7) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
- (b) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:
    - (A) listen actively and ask questions to understand information;
    - (B) follow oral directions that involve a short, related sequence of actions;
    - (C) share information and ideas by speaking audibly and clearly using the conventions of language;
    - (D) work collaboratively with others by following agreed-upon rules for discussion, including taking turns; and
    - (E) develop social communication such as introducing himself/herself using common greetings and expressing needs and wants.
  - (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:
    - (A) demonstrate phonological awareness by:
      - (i) identifying and producing rhyming words;
      - (ii) recognizing spoken alliteration or groups of words that begin with the same spoken onset or initial sound;
      - (iii) identifying the individual words in a spoken sentence;

- (iv) identifying syllables in spoken words;
        - (v) blending syllables to form multisyllabic words;
        - (vi) segmenting multisyllabic words into syllables;
        - (vii) blending spoken onsets and rimes to form simple words;
        - (viii) blending spoken phonemes to form one-syllable words;
        - (ix) manipulating syllables within a multisyllabic word; and
        - (x) segmenting spoken one-syllable words into individual phonemes;
      - (B) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by:
        - (i) identifying and matching the common sounds that letters represent;
        - (ii) using letter-sound relationships to decode, including VC, CVC, CCVC, and CVCC words;
        - (iii) recognizing that new words are created when letters are changed, added, or deleted such as it - pit - tip - tap; and
        - (iv) identifying and reading at least 25 high-frequency words from a research-based list;
      - (C) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by:
        - (i) spelling words with VC, CVC, and CCVC;
        - (ii) spelling words using sound-spelling patterns; and
        - (iii) spelling high-frequency words from a research-based list;
      - (D) demonstrate print awareness by:
        - (i) identifying the front cover, back cover, and title page of a book;
        - (ii) holding a book right side up, turning pages correctly, and knowing that reading moves from top to bottom and left to right with return sweep;
        - (iii) recognizing that sentences are comprised of words separated by spaces and recognizing word boundaries;
        - (iv) recognizing the difference between a letter and a printed word; and
        - (v) identifying all uppercase and lowercase letters; and
      - (E) develop handwriting by accurately forming all uppercase and lowercase letters using appropriate directionality.
  - (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:
    - (A) use a resource such as a picture dictionary or digital resource to find words;
    - (B) use illustrations and texts the student is able to read or hear to learn or clarify word meanings; and
    - (C) identify and use words that name actions; directions; positions; sequences; categories such as colors, shapes, and textures; and locations.
  - (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and interact independently with text for increasing periods of time.

- (5) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. The student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts with adult assistance;
  - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information with adult assistance;
  - (C) make and confirm predictions using text features and structures with adult assistance;
  - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding with adult assistance;
  - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society with adult assistance;
  - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding with adult assistance;
  - (G) evaluate details to determine what is most important with adult assistance;
  - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding with adult assistance; and
  - (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, checking for visual cues, and asking questions when understanding breaks down with adult assistance.
- (6) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources;
  - (B) provide an oral or pictorial response to a text;
  - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) retell texts in ways that maintain meaning;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as illustrating or writing; and
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate.
- (7) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) discuss topics and determine the basic theme using text evidence with adult assistance;
  - (B) identify and describe the main character(s);
  - (C) describe the elements of plot development, including the main events, the problem, and the resolution for texts read aloud with adult assistance; and
  - (D) describe the setting.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate knowledge of well-known children's literature, including folktales, fables, fairy tales, and nursery rhymes;
  - (B) discuss rhyme and rhythm in nursery rhymes and a variety of poems;
  - (C) participate in and identify main characters in a play;
  - (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:

- (i) the central or main idea with adult assistance;
    - (ii) titles and simple graphics to gain information; and
    - (iii) the steps in a sequence with adult assistance; and
  - (E) recognize characteristics of persuasive text with adult assistance and state what the author is trying to persuade the reader to think or do.
- (9) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
  - (A) discuss with adult assistance the author's purpose for writing text;
  - (B) discuss with adult assistance how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
  - (C) discuss with adult assistance the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
  - (D) discuss with adult assistance how the author uses words that help the reader visualize; and
  - (E) listen to and experience first- and third-person texts.
- (10) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
  - (A) plan by generating ideas for writing through class discussions and drawings;
  - (B) develop drafts in oral, pictorial, or written form by organizing ideas;
  - (C) revise drafts by adding details in pictures or words;
  - (D) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard English conventions, including:
    - (i) complete sentences;
    - (ii) verbs;
    - (iii) singular and plural nouns;
    - (iv) descriptive adjectives;
    - (v) subjective case pronouns;
    - (vi) capitalization of the first letter in a sentence and name; and
    - (vii) punctuation marks at the end of declarative sentences; and
  - (E) share writing.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
  - (A) dictate or compose literary texts, including personal narratives; and
  - (B) dictate or compose informational texts.
- (12) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
  - (A) generate questions for formal and informal inquiry with adult assistance;

- (B) develop and follow a research plan with adult assistance;
- (C) gather information from a variety of sources with adult assistance;
- (D) demonstrate understanding of information gathered with adult assistance; and
- (E) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multi-modal, to present results.

**§110.3. English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 1, Adopted 2017.**

(a) Introduction.

- (1) The English language arts and reading Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on academic oracy (proficiency in oral expression and comprehension), authentic reading, and reflective writing to ensure a literate Texas. The strands are integrated and progressive with students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity and nuance in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.
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- (4) English language learners (ELLs) are expected to meet standards in a second language; however, their proficiency in English influences the ability to meet these standards. To demonstrate this knowledge throughout the stages of English language acquisition, comprehension of text requires additional scaffolds such as adapted text, translations, native language support, cognates, summaries, pictures, realia, glossaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, and other modes of comprehensible input. ELLs can and should be encouraged to use knowledge of their first language to enhance vocabulary development; vocabulary needs to be in the context of connected discourse so that it is meaningful. Strategic use of the student's first language is important to ensure linguistic, affective, cognitive, and academic development in English.
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- (6) Oral language proficiency holds a pivotal role in school success; verbal engagement must be maximized across grade levels (Kinsella, 2010). In order for students to become thinkers and

proficient speakers in science, social studies, mathematics, fine arts, language arts and reading, and career and technical education, they must have multiple opportunities to practice and apply the academic language of each discipline (Fisher, Frey, & Rothenberg, 2008).

(7) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:

(A) listen actively, ask relevant questions to clarify information, and answer questions using multi-word responses;

(B) follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a short, related sequence of actions;

(C) share information and ideas about the topic under discussion, speaking clearly at an appropriate pace and using the conventions of language;

(D) work collaboratively with others by following agreed-upon rules for discussion, including listening to others, speaking when recognized, and making appropriate contributions; and

(E) develop social communication such as introducing himself/herself and others, relating experiences to a classmate, and expressing needs and feelings.

(2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate phonological awareness by:

(i) producing a series of rhyming words;

(ii) recognizing spoken alliteration or groups of words that begin with the same spoken onset or initial sound;

(iii) distinguishing between long and short vowel sounds in one-syllable words;

(iv) recognizing the change in spoken word when a specified phoneme is added, changed, or removed;

(v) blending spoken phonemes to form one-syllable words, including initial and/or final consonant blends;

(vi) manipulating phonemes within base words; and

(vii) segmenting spoken one-syllable words of three to five phonemes into individual phonemes, including words with initial and/or final consonant blends;

(B) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by:

(i) decoding words in isolation and in context by applying common letter sound correspondences;

(ii) decoding words with initial and final consonant blends, digraphs, and trigraphs;

(iii) decoding words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including vowel digraphs and diphthongs; and r-controlled syllables;

(iv) using knowledge of base words to decode common compound words and contractions;

(v) decoding words with inflectional endings, including -ed, -s, and -es; and

- (vi) identifying and reading at least 100 high-frequency words from a research-based list;
  - (C) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by:
    - (i) spelling words with closed syllables, open syllables, VCe syllables, vowel teams, and r-controlled syllables;
    - (ii) spelling words with initial and final consonant blends, digraphs, and trigraphs;
    - (iii) spelling words using sound-spelling patterns; and
    - (iv) spelling high-frequency words from a research-based list;
  - (D) demonstrate print awareness by identifying the information that different parts of a book provide;
  - (E) alphabetize a series of words to the first or second letter and use a dictionary to find words; and
  - (F) develop handwriting by printing words, sentences, and answers legibly leaving appropriate spaces between words.
- (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:
- (A) use a resource such as a picture dictionary or digital resource to find words;
  - (B) use illustrations and texts the student is able to read or hear to learn or clarify word meanings;
  - (C) identify the meaning of words with the affixes -s, -ed, and -ing; and
  - (D) identify and use words that name actions, directions, positions, sequences, categories, and locations.
- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to use appropriate fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) when reading grade-level text.
- (5) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and interact independently with text for increasing periods of time.
- (6) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. The student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts with adult assistance;
  - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information with adult assistance;
  - (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures with adult assistance;
  - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding with adult assistance;
  - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society with adult assistance;
  - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding with adult assistance;
  - (G) evaluate details to determine what is most important with adult assistance;
  - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding with adult assistance; and



- (1) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, checking for visual cues, and asking questions when understanding breaks down.
- (7) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources;
  - (B) write brief comments on literary or informational texts;
  - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) retell texts in ways that maintain meaning;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as illustrating or writing; and
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) discuss topics and determine theme using text evidence with adult assistance;
  - (B) describe the main character(s) and how their feelings and actions change;
  - (C) describe plot elements, including the main events, the problem, and the resolution, for texts read aloud and independently; and
  - (D) describe the setting.
- (9) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate knowledge of well-known children's literature such as folktales, fables, fairy tales, and nursery rhymes;
  - (B) discuss rhyme, rhythm, repetition, and alliteration in a variety of poems;
  - (C) identify the elements of a play such as characters and setting;
  - (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
    - (i) the central or main idea with adult assistance;
    - (ii) features and simple graphics to locate or gain information; and
    - (iii) temporal sequence and description; and
  - (E) recognize characteristics of persuasive text with adult assistance and state what the author is trying to persuade the reader to think or do.
- (10) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
- (A) discuss the author's purpose for writing text;
  - (B) discuss how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
  - (C) discuss with adult assistance the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;

- (D) discuss how the author uses words that help the reader visualize; and
  - (E) listen to and experience first- and third-person text.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
- (A) plan a first draft by generating ideas for writing such as drawing and brainstorming;
  - (B) develop drafts in oral, pictorial, or written form by:
    - (i) organizing with structure; and
    - (ii) developing an idea with specific and relevant details;
  - (C) revise drafts by adding details in pictures or words;
  - (D) edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
    - (i) complete sentences with subject-verb agreement;
    - (ii) past and present verbs;
    - (iii) singular, plural, common, and proper nouns;
    - (iv) descriptive adjectives;
    - (v) adverbs that convey time;
    - (vi) prepositions;
    - (vii) subjective case pronouns;
    - (viii) capitalization for the beginning of sentences and the pronoun "I"; and
    - (ix) punctuation marks at the end of declarative, exclamatory, and interrogative sentences; and
  - (E) publish and share writing.
- (12) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
- (A) dictate or compose literary texts, including personal narratives and poetry;
  - (B) dictate or compose informational texts, including procedural texts; and
  - (C) dictate or compose correspondence.
- (13) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
- (A) generate questions for formal and informal inquiry with adult assistance;
  - (B) develop and follow a research plan with adult assistance;
  - (C) identify and gather relevant sources and information to answer the questions with adult assistance;
  - (D) demonstrate understanding of information gathered with adult assistance; and
  - (E) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multi-modal, to present results.

**§110.4. English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 2, Adopted 2017.**

- (a) Introduction.

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  - (7) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
- (b) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:

- (A) listen actively, ask relevant questions to clarify information, and answer questions using multi-word responses;
  - (B) follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a short, related sequence of actions;
  - (C) share information and ideas that focus on the topic under discussion, speaking clearly at an appropriate pace and using the conventions of language;
  - (D) work collaboratively with others by following agreed-upon rules for discussion, including listening to others, speaking when recognized, making appropriate contributions, and building on the ideas of others; and
  - (E) develop social communication such as distinguishing between asking and telling.
- (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate phonological awareness by
    - (i) distinguishing between long and short vowel sounds in one syllable and multi-syllable words;
    - (ii) producing a series of rhyming words;
    - (iii) recognizing the change in spoken word when a specified phoneme is added, changed, or removed; and
    - (iv) manipulating phonemes within base words;
  - (B) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by:
    - (i) decoding words with short, long, or variant vowels, trigraphs, and blends;
    - (ii) decoding words with silent letters such as knife and gnat;
    - (iii) decoding multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables;
    - (iv) decoding compound words, contractions, and common abbreviations;
    - (v) decoding words using knowledge of syllable division such as VCCV, VCV, and VCCCv;
    - (vi) decoding words with prefixes, including un-, re-, and dis-, and inflectional endings, including -s, -es, -ed, -ing, -er, and -est; and
    - (vii) identifying and reading high-frequency words from a research-based list;
  - (C) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by:
    - (i) spelling one-syllable and multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables;
    - (ii) spelling words with silent letters such as knife and gnat;
    - (iii) spelling compound words, contractions, and common abbreviations;
    - (iv) spelling multisyllabic words with multiple sound-spelling patterns;
    - (v) spelling words using knowledge of syllable division patterns, including words with double consonants in the middle of the word; and
    - (vi) spelling words with prefixes, including un-, re-, and dis-, and inflectional endings, including -s, -es, -ed, -ing, -er, and -est; and

- (D) alphabetize a series of words and use a dictionary or glossary to find words; and
  - (E) develop handwriting by accurately forming all cursive letters using appropriate strokes when connecting letters.
- (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:
- (A) use print or digital resources to determine meaning and pronunciation of unknown words;
  - (B) use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words;
  - (C) identify the meaning of words with affixes un-, re-, -ly, -er, and -est (comparative and superlative), and -ion/tion/sion; and
  - (D) identify and explain the meaning of antonyms, synonyms, idioms, and homographs in context.
- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to use appropriate fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) when reading grade-level text.
- (5) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.
- (6) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. The student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;
  - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;
  - (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;
  - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding;
  - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
  - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
  - (G) evaluate details to determine key ideas;
  - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and
  - (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, checking for visual cues, and asking questions when understanding breaks down.
- (7) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources;
  - (B) write brief comments on literary or informational texts;
  - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) retell and paraphrase texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as illustrating or writing; and
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate.

- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) discuss topics and determine theme using text evidence with adult assistance;
  - (B) describe the internal and external traits of the main character(s);
  - (C) describe and understand plot elements, including the main events, the problem, and the resolution, for texts read aloud and independently; and
  - (D) describe the importance of the setting.
- (9) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate knowledge of well-known children's literature such as folktales, fables, and fairy tales;
  - (B) explain visual patterns and structures in a variety of poems;
  - (C) identify the elements of a play such as characters, dialogue, and setting;
  - (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
    - (i) the central or main idea with adult assistance;
    - (ii) features and graphics to locate and gain information; and
    - (iii) chronological order and cause and effect stated explicitly; and
  - (E) recognize characteristics of persuasive text, including what the author is trying to persuade the reader to think or do.
- (10) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
- (A) discuss the author's purpose for writing text;
  - (B) discuss how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
  - (C) discuss the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
  - (D) discuss the use of descriptive, literal, and figurative language;
  - (E) identify the use of first or third person in a text; and
  - (F) explain the use of repetition.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
- (A) plan a first draft by generating ideas for writing such as drawing and brainstorming;
  - (B) develop drafts into a focused piece of writing by:
    - (i) organizing with structure; and
    - (ii) developing an idea with specific and relevant details;
  - (C) revise drafts by adding, deleting, or rearranging words, phrases, or sentences;
  - (D) edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:

- (i) complete sentences with subject-verb agreement;
  - (ii) past, present, and future verbs;
  - (iii) singular, plural, common, and proper nouns;
  - (iv) descriptive adjectives and articles;
  - (v) adverbs that convey time;
  - (vi) prepositions and prepositional phrases;
  - (vii) objective case pronouns;
  - (viii) capitalization of months, days of the week, and the salutation and conclusion of a letter; and
  - (ix) end punctuation and apostrophes; and
- (E) publish and share writing.
- (12) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
- (A) compose literary texts, including personal narratives and poetry;
  - (B) compose informational texts, including procedural texts and reports; and
  - (C) compose correspondence.
- (13) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
- (A) generate questions for formal and informal inquiry with adult assistance;
  - (B) develop and follow a research plan with adult assistance;
  - (C) identify and gather relevant sources and information to answer the questions;
  - (D) identify primary and secondary sources;
  - (E) demonstrate understanding of information gathered;
  - (F) cite sources appropriately; and
  - (G) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multi-modal, to present results.

**§110.5. English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 3, Adopted 2017.**

(a) Introduction.

- (1) The English language arts and reading Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on academic oracy (proficiency in oral expression and comprehension), authentic reading, and reflective writing to ensure a literate Texas. The strands are integrated and progressive with students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity and nuance in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.
- (2) The seven strands of the essential knowledge and skills for English language arts and reading are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes and are recursive in nature. Strands include the four domains of language (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and their application in order to accelerate the acquisition of language skills so that students develop high levels of social and

academic language proficiency. Although some strands may require more instructional time, each strand is of equal value, may be presented in any order, and should be integrated throughout the year. It is important to note that encoding (spelling) and decoding (reading) are reciprocal skills. Decoding is internalized when tactile and kinesthetic opportunities (encoding) are provided. Additionally, students should engage in academic conversations, write, read, and be read to on a daily basis with opportunities for cross-curricular content and student choice.

- (3) Text complexity increases with challenging vocabulary, sophisticated sentence structures, nuanced text features, cognitively demanding content, and subtle relationships among ideas (Texas Education Agency, *STAAR Performance Level Descriptors*, 2013). As skills and knowledge are obtained in each of the seven strands, students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth to increasingly complex texts in multiple genres as they become self-directed, critical learners who work collaboratively while continuously using metacognitive skills.
  - (4) English language learners (ELLs) are expected to meet standards in a second language; however, their proficiency in English influences the ability to meet these standards. To demonstrate this knowledge throughout the stages of English language acquisition, comprehension of text requires additional scaffolds such as adapted text, translations, native language support, cognates, summaries, pictures, realia, glossaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, and other modes of comprehensible input. ELLs can and should be encouraged to use knowledge of their first language to enhance vocabulary development; vocabulary needs to be in the context of connected discourse so that it is meaningful. Strategic use of the student's first language is important to ensure linguistic, affective, cognitive, and academic development in English.
  - (5) Current research stresses the importance of effectively integrating second language acquisition with quality content area education in order to ensure that ELLs acquire social and academic language proficiency in English, learn the knowledge and skills, and reach their full academic potential. Instruction must be linguistically accommodated in accordance with the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and the student's English language proficiency levels to ensure the mastery of knowledge and skills in the required curriculum is accessible. For a further understanding of second language acquisition needs, refer to the ELPS and proficiency-level descriptors adopted in Chapter 74, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Required Curriculum).
  - (6) Oral language proficiency holds a pivotal role in school success; verbal engagement must be maximized across grade levels (Kinsella, 2010). In order for students to become thinkers and proficient speakers in science, social studies, mathematics, fine arts, language arts and reading, and career and technical education, they must have multiple opportunities to practice and apply the academic language of each discipline (Fisher, Frey, & Rothenberg, 2008).
  - (7) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
- (b) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:
    - (A) listen actively, ask relevant questions to clarify information, and make pertinent comments;
    - (B) follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a series of related sequences of action;
    - (C) speak coherently about the topic under discussion, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, and the conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively;
    - (D) work collaboratively with others by following agreed-upon rules, norms, and protocols; and
    - (E) develop social communication such as conversing politely in all situations.



(2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by:

- (i) decoding multisyllabic words with multiple sound-spelling patterns such as ough, and en;
- (ii) decoding multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables;
- (iii) decoding compound words, contractions, and abbreviations;
- (iv) decoding words using knowledge of syllable division such as VCCV, VCV, and VCCCV with accent shifts;
- (v) decoding words using knowledge of prefixes;
- (vi) decoding words using knowledge of changes to base words when suffixes are added such as dropping e, changing y to i, and doubling final consonants; and
- (vii) identifying and reading high-frequency words from a research-based list;

(B) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by:

- (i) spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables;
- (ii) spelling homophones;
- (iii) spelling compound words, contractions, and abbreviations;
- (iv) spelling multisyllabic words with multiple sound-spelling patterns;
- (v) spelling words using knowledge of syllable division such as VCCV, VCV, and VCCCV;
- (vi) spelling words using knowledge of prefixes; and
- (vii) spelling words with changes to base words when suffixes are added such as dropping e, changing y to i, and doubling final consonants; and

(C) alphabetize a series of words to the third letter; and

(D) write complete words, thoughts, and answers legibly in cursive leaving appropriate spaces between words.

(3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:

(A) use print or digital resources to determine meaning, syllabication, and pronunciation;

(B) use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and multiple-meaning words;

(C) identify the meaning of words with affixes such as im- (into), non-, dis-, in- (not, non), pre-, -ness, -y, and -ful; and

(D) identify and explain the meaning of antonyms, synonyms, idioms, and homographs in a text.

- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to use appropriate fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) when reading grade-level text.
- (5) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.
- (6) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. The student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;
  - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;
  - (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;
  - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding;
  - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
  - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
  - (G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
  - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and
  - (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.
- (7) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;
  - (B) write a response to a literary or informational text that demonstrates an understanding of a text;
  - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) retell and paraphrase texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate; and
  - (G) discuss specific ideas in the text that are important to the meaning.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) infer the theme of a work, distinguishing theme from topic;
  - (B) explain the relationship among the major and minor characters;
  - (C) analyze plot elements, including the sequence of events, the problem, and the resolution; and
  - (D) explain the influence of the setting on the plot.
- (9) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across

increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:

- (A) demonstrate knowledge of well-known children's literature such as folktales, fables, fairy tales, legends, and myths;
  - (B) explain rhyme scheme, sound devices, and structural elements such as stanzas in a variety of poems;
  - (C) identify the elements of a play such as characters, dialogue, setting, and acts;
  - (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
    - (i) the central idea;
    - (ii) features such as sections, tables, graphs, timelines, bullets, numbers, and bold and italicized font to support understanding of the text; and
    - (iii) cause and effect and problem and solution; and
  - (E) recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by:
    - (i) identifying the claim;
    - (ii) distinguishing facts from opinion; and
    - (iii) identifying the intended audience or reader.
- (10) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
  - (B) explain how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
  - (C) explain the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
  - (D) describe how the author's use of imagery, literal and figurative language such as simile, and sound devices such as onomatopoeia achieves specific purposes;
  - (E) identify the use of literary devices, including first- or third-person point of view;
  - (F) discuss how the author's use of language contributes to voice; and
  - (G) explain the use of repetition.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
- (A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as brainstorming, freewriting, and mapping;
  - (B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by:
    - (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction and a conclusion; and
    - (ii) developing an engaging idea with relevant details;
  - (C) revise drafts to improve sentence structure and word choice by adding, deleting, combining, and rearranging ideas for coherence and clarity;
  - (D) edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
    - (i) complete simple and compound sentences with subject-verb agreement;

- (ii) past, present, and future verbs;
  - (iii) singular, plural, common, and proper nouns;
  - (iv) descriptive and limiting adjectives;
  - (v) adverbs that convey time and manner;
  - (vi) prepositions and prepositional phrases;
  - (vii) possessive pronouns;
  - (viii) coordinating conjunctions to form compound predicates, subjects, and sentences;
  - (ix) capitalization of official titles of people, holidays, and geographical names and places; and
  - (x) punctuation marks, including apostrophes in contractions and possessives, commas in a series, and dates; and
- (E) publish written work for appropriate audiences.
- (12) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
- (A) compose literary texts, including personal narratives, fiction, and poetry;
  - (B) compose informational texts using genre characteristics and craft;
  - (C) compose argumentative texts, including opinion essays, using genre characteristics and craft; and
  - (D) compose correspondence such as thank you notes or letters.
- (13) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
- (A) generate questions on a topic for formal and informal inquiry;
  - (B) develop and follow a research plan with adult assistance;
  - (C) identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources;
  - (D) identify primary and secondary sources;
  - (E) demonstrate understanding of information gathered;
  - (F) recognize the difference between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials;
  - (G) create a works cited page; and
  - (H) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multi-modal, to present results.

**§110.6. English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 4, Adopted 2017.**

**(a) Introduction.**

- (1) The English language arts and reading Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on academic oracy (proficiency in oral expression and comprehension), authentic reading, and reflective writing to ensure a literate Texas. The strands are integrated and progressive with

students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity and nuance in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.

- (2) The seven strands of the essential knowledge and skills for English language arts and reading are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes and are recursive in nature. Strands include the four domains of language (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and their application in order to accelerate the acquisition of language skills so that students develop high levels of social and academic language proficiency. Although some strands may require more instructional time, each strand is of equal value, may be presented in any order, and should be integrated throughout the year. It is important to note that encoding (spelling) and decoding (reading) are reciprocal skills. Decoding is internalized when tactile and kinesthetic opportunities (encoding) are provided. Additionally, students should engage in academic conversations, write, read, and be read to on a daily basis with opportunities for cross-curricular content and student choice.
  - (3) Text complexity increases with challenging vocabulary, sophisticated sentence structures, nuanced text features, cognitively demanding content, and subtle relationships among ideas (Texas Education Agency, *STAAR Performance Level Descriptors*, 2013). As skills and knowledge are obtained in each of the seven strands, students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth to increasingly complex texts in multiple genres as they become self-directed, critical learners who work collaboratively while continuously using metacognitive skills.
  - (4) English language learners (ELLs) are expected to meet standards in a second language; however, their proficiency in English influences the ability to meet these standards. To demonstrate this knowledge throughout the stages of English language acquisition, comprehension of text requires additional scaffolds such as adapted text, translations, native language support, cognates, summaries, pictures, realia, glossaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, and other modes of comprehensible input. ELLs can and should be encouraged to use knowledge of their first language to enhance vocabulary development; vocabulary needs to be in the context of connected discourse so that it is meaningful. Strategic use of the student's first language is important to ensure linguistic, affective, cognitive, and academic development in English.
  - (5) Current research stresses the importance of effectively integrating second language acquisition with quality content area education in order to ensure that ELLs acquire social and academic language proficiency in English, learn the knowledge and skills, and reach their full academic potential. Instruction must be linguistically accommodated in accordance with the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and the student's English language proficiency levels to ensure the mastery of knowledge and skills in the required curriculum is accessible. For a further understanding of second language acquisition needs, refer to the ELPS and proficiency-level descriptors adopted in Chapter 74, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Required Curriculum).
  - (6) Oral language proficiency holds a pivotal role in school success; verbal engagement must be maximized across grade levels (Kinsella, 2010). In order for students to become thinkers and proficient speakers in science, social studies, mathematics, fine arts, language arts and reading, and career and technical education, they must have multiple opportunities to practice and apply the academic language of each discipline (Fisher, Frey, & Rothenberg, 2008).
  - (7) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
- (b) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:
    - (A) listen actively, ask relevant questions to clarify information, and make pertinent comments;
    - (B) follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a series of related sequences of action;

- (C) express an opinion supported by accurate information, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, and the conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively; and
  - (D) work collaboratively with others to develop a plan of shared responsibilities.
- (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by:
    - (i) decoding words with specific orthographic patterns and rules, including regular and irregular plurals;
    - (ii) decoding multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables;
    - (iii) decoding words using advanced knowledge of syllable division such as VV;
    - (iv) decoding words using knowledge of prefixes;
    - (v) decoding words using knowledge of changes to base words when suffixes are added such as dropping e, changing y to i, and doubling final consonants; and
    - (vi) identifying and reading high-frequency words from a research-based list;
  - (B) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by:
    - (i) spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables;
    - (ii) spelling more difficult homophones;
    - (iii) spelling multisyllabic words with multiple sound-spelling patterns;
    - (iv) spelling words using advanced knowledge of syllable division patterns;
    - (v) spelling words using knowledge of prefixes; and
    - (vi) spelling words with changes to base words when suffixes are added such as dropping e, changing y to i, and doubling final consonants; and
  - (C) write legibly in cursive to complete assignments.
- (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:
- (A) use print or digital resources to determine meaning, syllabication, and pronunciation;
  - (B) use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the relevant meaning of unfamiliar words or multiple-meaning words;
  - (C) determine the meaning of words with affixes such as mis-, sub-, -ment, and -ity/ty and roots such as auto, graph, and meter; and
  - (D) identify and explain the meaning of homophones such as reign/rain.
- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to use appropriate fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) when reading grade-level text.

- (5) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.
- (6) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. The student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;
  - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;
  - (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;
  - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding;
  - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
  - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
  - (G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
  - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and
  - (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.
- (7) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;
  - (B) write a response to compare and contrast ideas across a variety of sources;
  - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) retell, paraphrase, or summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate; and
  - (G) discuss specific ideas in the text that are important to the meaning.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) infer basic themes supported by text evidence;
  - (B) explain the interactions of the characters and the changes they undergo;
  - (C) analyze plot elements, including the rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution; and
  - (D) explain the influence of the setting, including historical and cultural settings, on the plot.
- (9) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate knowledge of well-known children's literature such as folktales, fables, legends, myths, and tall tales;

- (B) explain figurative language such as simile, metaphor, and personification that the poet uses to create images;
  - (C) identify the elements of a play such as characters, dialogue, setting, acts, and scenes;
  - (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
    - (i) the central idea;
    - (ii) features such as pronunciation guides and diagrams to support understanding of the text; and
    - (iii) compare and contrast; and
  - (E) recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by:
    - (i) identifying the claim;
    - (ii) explaining how the author has used facts for an argument; and
    - (iii) identifying the intended audience or reader.
- (10) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
  - (B) explain how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
  - (C) analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
  - (D) describe how the author's use of imagery, literal and figurative language such as simile and metaphor, and sound devices such as alliteration and assonance achieves specific purposes;
  - (E) identify and understand the use of literary devices, including first- or third-person point of view;
  - (F) discuss how the author's use of language contributes to voice; and
  - (G) identify the use of hyperbole.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
- (A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as brainstorming, freewriting, and mapping;
  - (B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by:
    - (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, and a conclusion; and
    - (ii) developing an engaging idea with relevant details;
  - (C) revise drafts to improve sentence structure and word choice by adding, deleting, combining, and rearranging ideas for coherence and clarity;
  - (D) edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
    - (i) complete simple and compound sentences with subject-verb agreement;
    - (ii) irregular verbs;
    - (iii) singular, plural, common, and proper nouns;



- (iv) descriptive adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms;
  - (v) adverbs that convey frequency and intensity;
  - (vi) prepositions and prepositional phrases;
  - (vii) reflexive pronouns;
  - (viii) coordinating conjunctions to form compound predicates, subjects, and sentences;
  - (ix) capitalization of historical periods, events, and documents; titles of books; stories and essays; and languages, races, and nationalities; and
  - (x) punctuation marks, including commas in compound sentences and quotation marks in dialogue; and
- (E) publish written work for appropriate audiences.
- (12) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
- (A) compose literary texts such as personal narratives, fiction, and poetry;
  - (B) compose informational texts using genre characteristics and craft;
  - (C) compose argumentative texts, including opinion essays, using genre characteristics and craft; and
  - (D) compose correspondence that requests information.
- (13) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
- (A) generate and clarify questions on a topic for formal and informal inquiry;
  - (B) develop and follow a research plan with adult assistance;
  - (C) identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources;
  - (D) identify primary and secondary sources;
  - (E) demonstrate understanding of information gathered;
  - (F) recognize the difference between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials;
  - (G) develop a bibliography; and
  - (H) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multi-modal, to present results.

**§110.7. English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 5, Adopted 2017.**

**(a) Introduction.**

- (1) The English language arts and reading Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on academic oracy (proficiency in oral expression and comprehension), authentic reading, and reflective writing to ensure a literate Texas. The strands are integrated and progressive with students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity and nuance in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.

- (2) The seven strands of the essential knowledge and skills for English language arts and reading are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes and are recursive in nature. Strands include the four domains of language (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and their application in order to accelerate the acquisition of language skills so that students develop high levels of social and academic language proficiency. Although some strands may require more instructional time, each strand is of equal value, may be presented in any order, and should be integrated throughout the year. It is important to note that encoding (spelling) and decoding (reading) are reciprocal skills. Decoding is internalized when tactile and kinesthetic opportunities (encoding) are provided. Additionally, students should engage in academic conversations, write, read, and be read to on a daily basis with opportunities for cross-curricular content and student choice.
  - (3) Text complexity increases with challenging vocabulary, sophisticated sentence structures, nuanced text features, cognitively demanding content, and subtle relationships among ideas (Texas Education Agency, *STAAR Performance Level Descriptors*, 2013). As skills and knowledge are obtained in each of the seven strands, students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth to increasingly complex texts in multiple genres as they become self-directed, critical learners who work collaboratively while continuously using metacognitive skills.
  - (4) English language learners (ELLs) are expected to meet standards in a second language; however, their proficiency in English influences the ability to meet these standards. To demonstrate this knowledge throughout the stages of English language acquisition, comprehension of text requires additional scaffolds such as adapted text, translations, native language support, cognates, summaries, pictures, realia, glossaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, and other modes of comprehensible input. ELLs can and should be encouraged to use knowledge of their first language to enhance vocabulary development; vocabulary needs to be in the context of connected discourse so that it is meaningful. Strategic use of the student's first language is important to ensure linguistic, affective, cognitive, and academic development in English.
  - (5) Current research stresses the importance of effectively integrating second language acquisition with quality content area education in order to ensure that ELLs acquire social and academic language proficiency in English, learn the knowledge and skills, and reach their full academic potential. Instruction must be linguistically accommodated in accordance with the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and the student's English language proficiency levels to ensure the mastery of knowledge and skills in the required curriculum is accessible. For a further understanding of second language acquisition needs, refer to the ELPS and proficiency-level descriptors adopted in Chapter 74, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Required Curriculum).
  - (6) Oral language proficiency holds a pivotal role in school success; verbal engagement must be maximized across grade levels (Kinsella, 2010). In order for students to become thinkers and proficient speakers in science, social studies, mathematics, fine arts, language arts and reading, and career and technical education, they must have multiple opportunities to practice and apply the academic language of each discipline (Fisher, Frey, & Rothenberg, 2008).
  - (7) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
- (b) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:
    - (A) listen actively to interpret verbal and non-verbal messages, ask relevant questions, and make pertinent comments;
    - (B) follow, restate, and give oral instructions that include multiple action steps;
    - (C) give an organized presentation employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively; and

- (D) work collaboratively with others to develop a plan of shared responsibilities.
- (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by:
- (i) decoding consonant changes, including /t/ [~~t~~] to /sh/ [~~sh~~] such as in select and selection and /k/ [~~k~~] to /sh/ [~~sh~~] such as music and musician;
  - (ii) decoding multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllable; [ɛ] vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables;
  - (iii) decoding words using advanced knowledge of syllable division patterns;
  - (iv) decoding words using advanced knowledge of the influence of prefixes and suffixes on base words; and
  - (v) identifying and reading high-frequency words from a research-based list;
- (B) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by:
- (i) spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables;
  - (ii) spelling consonant changes, including /t/ [~~t~~] to /sh/ [~~sh~~] such as in select and selection and /k/ [~~k~~] to /sh/ [~~sh~~] such as music and musician;
  - (iii) spelling multisyllabic words with multiple sound-spelling patterns;
  - (iv) spelling words using advanced knowledge of syllable division patterns;
  - (v) spelling words using knowledge of prefixes; and
  - (vi) spelling words with changes to base words when suffixes are added such as dropping e, changing y to i, and doubling final consonants; and
- (C) write legibly in cursive.
- (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:
- (A) use print or digital resources to determine meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, and word origin;
  - (B) use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the relevant meaning of unfamiliar words or multiple-meaning words;
  - (C) identify the meaning of words with affixes such as trans-, super-, -ive, and -logy and roots such as geo and photo; and
  - (D) identify and explain the meaning of adages and puns.
- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to use appropriate fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) when reading grade-level text.
- (5) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.

- (6) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. The student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;
  - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;
  - (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;
  - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding;
  - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
  - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
  - (G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
  - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and
  - (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.
- (7) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;
  - (B) write a response to compare and contrast ideas across a variety of sources;
  - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) retell, paraphrase, or summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate; and
  - (G) discuss specific ideas in the text that are important to the meaning.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) infer multiple themes within a text using text evidence;
  - (B) analyze the relationships of and conflicts among the characters;
  - (C) analyze plot elements, including rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution; and
  - (D) analyze the influence of the setting, including historical and cultural settings, on the plot.
- (9) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate knowledge of well-known children's literature such as folktales, fables, legends, myths, and tall tales;
  - (B) explain the use of sound devices and figurative language and distinguish between the poet and the speaker in poems across a variety of poetic forms;
  - (C) identify the elements of a play such as characters, dialogue, setting, acts, and scenes;

- (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
  - (i) the central idea;
  - (ii) features such as insets, timelines, and sidebars to support understanding of text;  
and
  - (iii) logical order and order of importance; and
- (E) recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by:
  - (i) identifying the claim;
  - (ii) explaining how the author has used facts for or against an argument; and
  - (iii) identifying the intended audience or reader.
- (10) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
  - (A) explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
  - (B) analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
  - (C) analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
  - (D) describe how the author's use of imagery, literal and figurative language such as simile and metaphor, and sound devices achieves specific purposes;
  - (E) identify and understand the use of literary devices, including first- or third-person point of view;
  - (F) examine how the author's use of language contributes to voice; and
  - (G) explain the purpose of hyperbole and stereotyping.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
  - (A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as brainstorming, freewriting, and mapping;
  - (B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by:
    - (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, and a conclusion; and
    - (ii) developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific facts and details;
  - (C) revise drafts to improve sentence structure and word choice by adding, deleting, combining, and rearranging ideas for coherence and clarity;
  - (D) edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
    - (i) complete simple and compound sentences with subject-verb agreement;
    - (ii) irregular verbs;
    - (iii) collective nouns;
    - (iv) descriptive adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms;
    - (v) adverbs that convey frequency and intensity;

- (vi) prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement;
  - (vii) indefinite pronouns;
  - (viii) correlative conjunctions such as either/or and neither/nor;
  - (ix) capitalization of abbreviations, initials, acronyms, and organizations;
  - (x) punctuation marks, including commas in compound sentences and quotation marks in dialogue; and
  - (xi) proper mechanics, including italics and underlining for titles and emphasis; and
  - (E) publish written work for appropriate audiences.
- (12) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
- (A) compose literary texts such as personal narratives, fiction, and poetry;
  - (B) compose informational texts using genre characteristics and craft;
  - (C) compose argumentative texts, including opinion essays, using genre characteristics and craft; and
  - (D) compose correspondence that requests information.
- (13) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
- (A) generate and clarify questions on a topic for formal and informal inquiry;
  - (B) develop and follow a research plan with adult assistance;
  - (C) identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources;
  - (D) understand credibility of primary and secondary sources;
  - (E) demonstrate understanding of information gathered;
  - (F) differentiate between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials;
  - (G) develop a bibliography; and
  - (H) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multi-modal, to present results.

## Subchapter B. Middle School

### **§110.21. Implementation of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading, Middle School, Adopted 2017.**

- (a) The provisions of this section and §§110.22-110.24 of this title shall be implemented by school districts.
- (b) No later than August 31, 2018, the commissioner of education shall determine whether instructional materials funding has been made available to Texas public schools for materials that cover the essential knowledge and skills for English language arts and reading as adopted in §§110.22-110.24 of this title.
- (c) If the commissioner makes the determination that instructional materials funding has been made available under subsection (b) of this section, §§110.22-110.24 of this title shall be implemented beginning with the 2019-2020 school year and apply to the 2019-2020 and subsequent school years.
- (d) If the commissioner does not make the determination that instructional materials funding has been made available under subsection (b) of this section, the commissioner shall determine no later than August 31 of each subsequent school year whether instructional materials funding has been made available. If the commissioner determines that instructional materials funding has been made available, the commissioner shall notify the State Board of Education and school districts that §§110.22-110.24 of this title shall be implemented for the following school year.
- (e) Sections 110.18-110.20 of this title shall be superseded by the implementation of this section and §§110.22-110.24 of this title.

### **§110.22. English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 6, Adopted 2017.**

- (a) Introduction.
  - (1) The English language arts and reading Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on academic oracy (proficiency in oral expression and comprehension), authentic reading, and reflective writing to ensure a literate Texas. The strands are integrated and progressive with students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity and nuance in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.
  - (2) The seven strands of the essential knowledge and skills for English language arts and reading are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes and are recursive in nature. Strands include the four domains of language (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and their application in order to accelerate the acquisition of language skills so that students develop high levels of social and academic language proficiency. Although some strands may require more instructional time, each strand is of equal value, may be presented in any order, and should be integrated throughout the year. It is important to note that encoding (spelling) and decoding (reading) are reciprocal skills. Decoding is internalized when tactile and kinesthetic opportunities (encoding) are provided. Additionally, students should engage in academic conversations, write, read, and be read to on a daily basis with opportunities for cross-curricular content and student choice.
  - (3) Text complexity increases with challenging vocabulary, sophisticated sentence structures, nuanced text features, cognitively demanding content, and subtle relationships among ideas (Texas Education Agency, *STAAR Performance Level Descriptors*, 2013). As skills and knowledge are obtained in each of the seven strands, students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth to increasingly complex texts in multiple genres as they become self-directed, critical learners who work collaboratively while continuously using metacognitive skills.
  - (4) English language learners (ELLs) are expected to meet standards in a second language; however, their proficiency in English influences the ability to meet these standards. To demonstrate this knowledge throughout the stages of English language acquisition, comprehension of text requires additional scaffolds such as adapted text, translations, native language support, cognates,

summaries, pictures, realia, glossaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, and other modes of comprehensible input. ELLs can and should be encouraged to use knowledge of their first language to enhance vocabulary development; vocabulary needs to be in the context of connected discourse so that it is meaningful. Strategic use of the student's first language is important to ensure linguistic, affective, cognitive, and academic development in English.

- (5) Current research stresses the importance of effectively integrating second language acquisition with quality content area education in order to ensure that ELLs acquire social and academic language proficiency in English, learn the knowledge and skills, and reach their full academic potential. Instruction must be linguistically accommodated in accordance with the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and the student's English language proficiency levels to ensure the mastery of knowledge and skills in the required curriculum is accessible. For a further understanding of second language acquisition needs, refer to the ELPS and proficiency-level descriptors adopted in Chapter 74, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Required Curriculum).
  - (6) Oral language proficiency holds a pivotal role in school success; verbal engagement must be maximized across grade levels (Kinsella, 2010). In order for students to become thinkers and proficient speakers in science, social studies, mathematics, fine arts, language arts and reading, and career and technical education, they must have multiple opportunities to practice and apply the academic language of each discipline (Fisher, Frey, & Rothenberg, 2008).
  - (7) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
- (b) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:
    - (A) listen actively to interpret a message, ask clarifying questions, and respond appropriately;
    - (B) follow and give oral instructions that include multiple action steps;
    - (C) give an organized presentation with a specific stance and position, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively; and
    - (D) participate in student-led discussions by eliciting and considering suggestions from other group members, taking notes, and identifying points of agreement and disagreement.
  - (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:
    - (A) use print or digital resources to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech;
    - (B) use context such as definition, analogy, and examples to clarify the meaning of words; and
    - (C) determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived from Greek and Latin roots such as mis/mit, bene, man, vac, scrib/script, and jur/jus.
  - (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to adjust fluency when reading grade-level text based on the reading purpose.
  - (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.
  - (5) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. The student is expected to:



- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected text;
  - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;
  - (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;
  - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding;
  - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
  - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
  - (G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
  - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and
  - (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.
- (6) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;
  - (B) write a response with accurate text evidence to compare sources within and across genres;
  - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate;
  - (G) discuss and write about the explicit or implicit meanings of text;
  - (H) respond orally or in writing with appropriate register, vocabulary, tone, and voice; and
  - (I) reflect on and adjust responses as new evidence is presented.
- (7) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) infer multiple themes within and across texts using text evidence;
  - (B) analyze how the characters' internal and external responses develop the plot;
  - (C) analyze plot elements, including rising action, climax, falling action, resolution, and non-linear elements such as flashback; and
  - (D) compare and contrast historical and cultural settings across texts.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate knowledge of literary genres such as realistic fiction, adventure stories, historical fiction, mysteries, humor, and myths;
  - (B) analyze the effect of meter and structural elements such as line breaks in poems across a variety of poetic forms;

- (C) identify the elements of a play, including acts, scenes, stage directions, and scripted dialogue;
  - (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
    - (i) the controlling idea or thesis;
    - (ii) features such as introduction, foreword, preface, references, or acknowledgements to gain background information of the text; and
    - (iii) organizational patterns such as definition, classification, advantage, and disadvantage; and
  - (E) recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by:
    - (i) identifying the claim;
    - (ii) explaining how the author uses various types of evidence to support the argument; and
    - (iii) identifying the intended audience or reader.
- (9) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
  - (B) analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
  - (C) analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
  - (D) describe how the author's use of figurative language such as metaphor and personification achieves specific purposes;
  - (E) identify the use of literary devices, including omniscient and limited point of view, to achieve a specific purpose;
  - (F) analyze how the author's use of language contributes to mood and voice; and
  - (G) identify and explain the differences between the use of hyperbole and sarcasm in texts.
- (10) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
- (A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre appropriate for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as discussion, background reading, and personal interests;
  - (B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by:
    - (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, paragraph-to-paragraph coherence, and a conclusion; and
    - (ii) developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific facts and details;
  - (C) revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety;
  - (D) edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
    - (i) complete complex sentences with subject-verb agreement;
    - (ii) consistent verb tenses;

- (iii) conjunctive adverbs;
  - (iv) prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement;
  - (v) indefinite pronouns;
  - (vi) subordinating conjunctions such as after, because, although, and if to form complex sentences;
  - (vii) capitalization of proper nouns, including abbreviations, initials, acronyms, and organizations;
  - (viii) commas in compound and complex sentences and after transitions, introductory words, and phrases;
  - (ix) proper mechanics, including italics and underlining for titles and emphasis;
  - (x) correct punctuation of dialogue; and
  - (xi) correct spelling, including commonly confused terms such as its and it's and affect and effect; and
- (E) publish written work for appropriate audiences.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
- (A) compose literary texts such as personal narratives, fiction, and poetry using genre characteristics and craft;
  - (B) compose informational texts, including multi-paragraph essays that convey information about a topic, using a clear controlling idea or thesis statement, genre characteristics, and craft;
  - (C) compose multi-paragraph argumentative texts; and
  - (D) compose correspondence that reflects an opinion, registers a complaint, or requests information in a business or friendly structure.
- (12) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
- (A) generate student-selected and teacher-guided questions for formal and informal inquiry;
  - (B) develop and revise a plan;
  - (C) refine the major research question, if necessary, guided by the answers to a secondary set of questions;
  - (D) identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources;
  - (E) differentiate between primary and secondary sources;
  - (F) differentiate between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials;
  - (G) examine sources for:
    - (i) reliability;
    - (ii) credibility and bias; and
    - (iii) faulty reasoning such as hyperbole, emotional appeals, and stereotype;
  - (H) synthesize information from a variety of sources;
  - (I) display academic citations and use source materials ethically; and

- (J) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multi-modal, to present results.

**§110.23. English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 7, Adopted 2017.**

(a) Introduction.

- (1) The English language arts and reading Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on academic oracy (proficiency in oral expression and comprehension), authentic reading, and reflective writing to ensure a literate Texas. The strands are integrated and progressive with students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity and nuance in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.
- (2) The seven strands of the essential knowledge and skills for English language arts and reading are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes and are recursive in nature. Strands include the four domains of language (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and their application in order to accelerate the acquisition of language skills so that students develop high levels of social and academic language proficiency. Although some strands may require more instructional time, each strand is of equal value, may be presented in any order, and should be integrated throughout the year. It is important to note that encoding (spelling) and decoding (reading) are reciprocal skills. Decoding is internalized when tactile and kinesthetic opportunities (encoding) are provided. Additionally, students should engage in academic conversations, write, read, and be read to on a daily basis with opportunities for cross-curricular content and student choice.
- (3) Text complexity increases with challenging vocabulary, sophisticated sentence structures, nuanced text features, cognitively demanding content, and subtle relationships among ideas (Texas Education Agency, *STAAR Performance Level Descriptors*, 2013). As skills and knowledge are obtained in each of the seven strands, students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth to increasingly complex texts in multiple genres as they become self-directed, critical learners who work collaboratively while continuously using metacognitive skills.
- (4) English language learners (ELLs) are expected to meet standards in a second language; however, their proficiency in English influences the ability to meet these standards. To demonstrate this knowledge throughout the stages of English language acquisition, comprehension of text requires additional scaffolds such as adapted text, translations, native language support, cognates, summaries, pictures, realia, glossaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, and other modes of comprehensible input. ELLs can and should be encouraged to use knowledge of their first language to enhance vocabulary development; vocabulary needs to be in the context of connected discourse so that it is meaningful. Strategic use of the student's first language is important to ensure linguistic, affective, cognitive, and academic development in English.
- (5) Current research stresses the importance of effectively integrating second language acquisition with quality content area education in order to ensure that ELLs acquire social and academic language proficiency in English, learn the knowledge and skills, and reach their full academic potential. Instruction must be linguistically accommodated in accordance with the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and the student's English language proficiency levels to ensure the mastery of knowledge and skills in the required curriculum is accessible. For a further understanding of second language acquisition needs, refer to the ELPS and proficiency-level descriptors adopted in Chapter 74, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Required Curriculum).
- (6) Oral language proficiency holds a pivotal role in school success; verbal engagement must be maximized across grade levels (Kinsella, 2010). In order for students to become thinkers and proficient speakers in science, social studies, mathematics, fine arts, language arts and reading, and career and technical education, they must have multiple opportunities to practice and apply the academic language of each discipline (Fisher, Frey, & Rothenberg, 2008).

(7) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:

(A) listen actively to interpret a message and ask clarifying questions that build on others' ideas;

(B) follow and give complex oral instructions to perform specific tasks, answer questions, or solve problems;

(C) present a critique of a literary work, film, or dramatic production, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, a variety of natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively; and

(D) engage in meaningful discourse and provide and accept constructive feedback from others.

(2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:

(A) use print or digital resources to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech;

(B) use context such as contrast or cause and effect to clarify the meaning of words; and

(C) determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived from Greek and Latin roots such as omni, log/logue, gen, vid/vis, phil, luc, and sens/sent.

(3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to adjust fluency when reading grade-level text based on the reading purpose.

(4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.

(5) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. The student is expected to:

(A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;

(B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;

(C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;

(D) create mental images to deepen understanding;

(E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;

(F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;

(G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;

(H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and

(I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.

- (6) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;
  - (B) write a response with accurate text evidence to compare sources within and across genres;
  - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate;
  - (G) discuss and write about the explicit or implicit meanings of text;
  - (H) respond orally or in writing with appropriate register, vocabulary, tone, and voice; and
  - (I) reflect on and adjust responses as new evidence is presented.
- (7) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) infer multiple themes within and across texts using text evidence;
  - (B) analyze how characters' qualities influence events and resolution of the conflict;
  - (C) analyze plot elements, including the use of foreshadowing and suspense, to advance the plot; and
  - (D) analyze how the setting influences character and plot development.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate knowledge of literary genres such as realistic fiction, adventure stories, historical fiction, mysteries, humor, myths, fantasy, and science fiction;
  - (B) analyze the effect of rhyme scheme, meter, and graphical elements such as punctuation and capitalization in poems across a variety of poetic forms;
  - (C) describe how playwright(s) develop characters through the dialogue and staging of their plays;
  - (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
    - (i) the controlling idea or thesis;
    - (ii) graphic and text features; and
    - (iii) organizational patterns that support multiple topics, categories, and subcategories; and
  - (E) recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by:
    - (i) identifying the claim;
    - (ii) explaining how the author uses various types of evidence and consideration of alternatives to support the argument; and
    - (iii) identifying the intended audience or reader.

- (9) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
  - (B) analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
  - (C) analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
  - (D) describe how the author's use of figurative language such as metaphor and personification achieves specific purposes;
  - (E) identify the use of literary devices, including subjective and objective point of view;
  - (F) analyze how the author's use of language contributes to mood, voice, and tone; and
  - (G) identify and explain loaded language, strawmen, and ad hominem arguments.
- (10) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
- (A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre appropriate for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as discussion, background reading, and personal interests;
  - (B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by:
    - (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, paragraph-to-paragraph coherence, and a conclusion; and
    - (ii) developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific facts, details, and examples;
  - (C) revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety;
  - (D) edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
    - (i) complete complex sentences with subject-verb agreement;
    - (ii) consistent verb tenses;
    - (iii) conjunctive adverbs;
    - (iv) prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement;
    - (v) relative pronouns;
    - (vi) subordinating conjunctions such as since, while, and until to form complex sentences;
    - (vii) correct capitalization;
    - (viii) commas in compound and complex sentences and after transitions, introductory words, and phrases;
    - (ix) semicolons when appropriate;
    - (x) correct punctuation of dialogue and citation(s); and
    - (xi) correct spelling; and
  - (E) publish written work for appropriate audiences.

- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
- (A) compose literary texts such as personal narratives, fiction, and poetry using genre characteristics and craft;
  - (B) compose informational texts, including multi-paragraph essays that convey information about a topic, using a clear controlling idea or thesis statement, genre characteristics, and craft;
  - (C) compose multi-paragraph argumentative texts; and
  - (D) compose correspondence that reflects an opinion, registers a complaint, or requests information in a business or friendly structure.
- (12) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
- (A) generate student-selected and teacher-guided questions for formal and informal inquiry;
  - (B) develop and revise a plan;
  - (C) refine the major research question, if necessary, guided by the answers to a secondary set of questions;
  - (D) identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources;
  - (E) differentiate between primary and secondary sources;
  - (F) differentiate between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials;
  - (G) examine sources for:
    - (i) reliability;
    - (ii) credibility and bias; and
    - (iii) faulty reasoning such as hyperbole, emotional appeals, and stereotype;
  - (H) synthesize information from a variety of sources;
  - (I) display academic citations and use source materials ethically; and
  - (J) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multi-modal, to present results.

**§110.24. English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 8, Adopted 2017.**

**(a) Introduction.**

- (1) The English language arts and reading Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on academic oracy (proficiency in oral expression and comprehension), authentic reading, and reflective writing to ensure a literate Texas. The strands are integrated and progressive with students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity and nuance in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.
- (2) The seven strands of the essential knowledge and skills for English language arts and reading are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes and are recursive in nature. Strands include the four domains of language (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and their application in order to accelerate the acquisition of language skills so that students develop high levels of social and academic language proficiency. Although some strands may require more instructional time, each



strand is of equal value, may be presented in any order, and should be integrated throughout the year. It is important to note that encoding (spelling) and decoding (reading) are reciprocal skills. Decoding is internalized when tactile and kinesthetic opportunities (encoding) are provided. Additionally, students should engage in academic conversations, write, read, and be read to on a daily basis with opportunities for cross-curricular content and student choice.

- (3) Text complexity increases with challenging vocabulary, sophisticated sentence structures, nuanced text features, cognitively demanding content, and subtle relationships among ideas (Texas Education Agency, *STAAR Performance Level Descriptors*, 2013). As skills and knowledge are obtained in each of the seven strands, students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth to increasingly complex texts in multiple genres as they become self-directed, critical learners who work collaboratively while continuously using metacognitive skills.
  - (4) English language learners (ELLs) are expected to meet standards in a second language; however, their proficiency in English influences the ability to meet these standards. To demonstrate this knowledge throughout the stages of English language acquisition, comprehension of text requires additional scaffolds such as adapted text, translations, native language support, cognates, summaries, pictures, realia, glossaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, and other modes of comprehensible input. ELLs can and should be encouraged to use knowledge of their first language to enhance vocabulary development; vocabulary needs to be in the context of connected discourse so that it is meaningful. Strategic use of the student's first language is important to ensure linguistic, affective, cognitive, and academic development in English.
  - (5) Current research stresses the importance of effectively integrating second language acquisition with quality content area education in order to ensure that ELLs acquire social and academic language proficiency in English, learn the knowledge and skills, and reach their full academic potential. Instruction must be linguistically accommodated in accordance with the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and the student's English language proficiency levels to ensure the mastery of knowledge and skills in the required curriculum is accessible. For a further understanding of second language acquisition needs, refer to the ELPS and proficiency-level descriptors adopted in Chapter 74, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Required Curriculum).
  - (6) Oral language proficiency holds a pivotal role in school success; verbal engagement must be maximized across grade levels (Kinsella, 2010). In order for students to become thinkers and proficient speakers in science, social studies, mathematics, fine arts, language arts and reading, and career and technical education, they must have multiple opportunities to practice and apply the academic language of each discipline (Fisher, Frey, & Rothenberg, 2008).
  - (7) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
- (b) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:
    - (A) listen actively to interpret a message by summarizing, asking questions, and making comments;
    - (B) follow and give complex oral instructions to perform specific tasks, answer questions, or solve problems;
    - (C) advocate a position using anecdotes, analogies, and/or illustrations employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, a variety of natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively; and
    - (D) participate collaboratively in discussions, plan agendas with clear goals and deadlines, set time limits for speakers, take notes, and vote on key issues.
  - (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:

- (A) use print or digital resources to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech;
  - (B) use context within or beyond a paragraph to clarify the meaning of unfamiliar or ambiguous words; and
  - (C) determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived from Greek and Latin roots such as ast, qui, path, mand/mend, and duc.
- (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to adjust fluency when reading grade-level text based on the reading purpose.
- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.
- (5) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. The student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;
  - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;
  - (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;
  - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding;
  - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
  - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
  - (G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
  - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and
  - (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.
- (6) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;
  - (B) write a response with accurate and relevant text evidence and commentary to compare texts within and across genres;
  - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate;
  - (G) discuss and write about the explicit or implicit meanings of text;
  - (H) respond orally or in writing with appropriate register, vocabulary, tone, and voice;
  - (I) reflect on and adjust responses as new evidence is presented; and
  - (J) defend or challenge authors' claims using relevant text evidence.

- (7) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) analyze relationships among thematic development, characterization, point of view, setting, and plot in a variety of literary texts;
  - (B) analyze how characters' motivations and behaviors influence events and resolution of the conflict;
  - (C) analyze non-linear plot development such as flashbacks, foreshadowing, subplots, and parallel plot structures and compare it to linear plot development; and
  - (D) explain how the setting influences the values and beliefs of characters.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate knowledge of literary genres such as realistic fiction, adventure stories, historical fiction, mysteries, humor, fantasy, science fiction, and short stories;
  - (B) analyze the effect of graphical elements such as punctuation and line length in poems across a variety of poetic forms such as epic, lyric, and humorous poetry;
  - (C) describe how playwright(s) develop dramatic action through the use of acts and scenes;
  - (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
    - (i) the controlling idea or thesis;
    - (ii) footnotes, endnotes, and citations; and
    - (iii) multiple organizational patterns within a text to develop the thesis; and
  - (E) recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by:
    - (i) identifying the claim and analyzing the argument;
    - (ii) identifying and explaining the counter argument; and
    - (iii) identifying the intended audience or reader.
- (9) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
  - (B) analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
  - (C) analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
  - (D) describe how the author's use of figurative language such as extended metaphor achieves specific purposes;
  - (E) identify and analyze the use of literary devices, including multiple points of view and irony;
  - (F) analyze how the author's use of language contributes to the mood, voice, and tone; and
  - (G) identify and explain the use of rhetorical questions, bandwagon appeals, and sweeping generalizations.

- (10) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
- (A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre appropriate for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as discussion, background reading, and personal interests;
  - (B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by:
    - (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, paragraph-to-paragraph coherence, and a conclusion; and
    - (ii) developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific facts, details, and examples;
  - (C) revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety;
  - (D) edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
    - (i) complete complex and compound-complex sentences;
    - (ii) consistent verb tenses;
    - (iii) prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement;
    - (iv) relative pronouns;
    - (v) correct capitalization;
    - (vi) commas in nonrestrictive phrases and clauses;
    - (vii) semicolons, colons, and parentheses when appropriate;
    - (viii) correct punctuation of dialogue and citation(s); and
    - (ix) correct spelling; and
  - (E) publish written work for appropriate audiences.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
- (A) compose literary texts such as personal narratives, fiction, and poetry using genre characteristics and craft;
  - (B) compose informational texts, including multi-paragraph essays that convey information about a topic, using a clear controlling idea or thesis statement, genre characteristics, and craft;
  - (C) compose multi-paragraph argumentative texts; and
  - (D) compose correspondence that reflects an opinion, registers a complaint, or requests information in a business or friendly structure.
- (12) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
- (A) generate student-selected and teacher-guided questions for formal and informal inquiry;
  - (B) develop and revise a plan;
  - (C) refine the major research question, if necessary, guided by the answers to a secondary set of questions;

- (D) identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources;
- (E) differentiate between primary and secondary sources;
- (F) differentiate between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials;
- (G) examine sources for:
  - (i) reliability;
  - (ii) credibility and bias, including omission; and
  - (iii) faulty reasoning such as bandwagon appeals, repetition, and loaded language;
- (H) synthesize information from a variety of sources;
- (I) display academic citations and use source materials ethically; and
- (J) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multi-modal, to present results.

Text of Proposed New 19 TAC

**Chapter 128. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Spanish Language Arts and Reading and English as a Second Language**

**Subchapter A. Elementary**

**§128.1. Implementation of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Spanish Language Arts and Reading, Elementary, Adopted 2017.**

- (a) The provisions of this section and §§128.2-128.7 of this title shall be implemented by school districts.
- (b) No later than August 31, 2018, the commissioner of education shall determine whether instructional materials funding has been made available to Texas public schools for materials that cover the essential knowledge and skills for Spanish language arts and reading as adopted in §§128.2-128.7 of this title.
- (c) If the commissioner makes the determination that instructional materials funding has been made available under subsection (b) of this section, §§128.2-128.7 of this title shall be implemented beginning with the 2019-2020 school year and apply to the 2019-2020 and subsequent school years.
- (d) If the commissioner does not make the determination that instructional materials funding has been made available under subsection (b) of this section, the commissioner shall determine no later than August 31 of each subsequent school year whether instructional materials funding has been made available. If the commissioner determines that instructional materials funding has been made available, the commissioner shall notify the State Board of Education and school districts that §§128.2-128.7 of this title shall be implemented for the following school year.
- (e) Sections 128.11-128.16 of this title shall be superseded by the implementation of this section and §§128.2-128.7 of this title.

**§128.2. Spanish Language Arts and Reading, Kindergarten, Adopted 2017.**

- (a) Introduction.
  - (1) The Spanish language arts and reading Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) reflect language arts standards that are authentic to the Spanish language and Spanish literacy; they are neither translations nor modifications of the English language arts TEKS. The Spanish language arts and reading TEKS embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on academic oracy (proficiency in oral expression and comprehension), authentic reading, and reflective writing to ensure a literate Texas. They are integrated and progressive with students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity and nuance in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.
  - (2) The seven strands of the essential knowledge and skills for Spanish language arts and reading are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes and are recursive in nature. Strands include the four domains of language (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and their application in order to accelerate the acquisition of language skills so that students develop high levels of social and academic language proficiency. Although some strands may require more instructional time, each strand is of equal value, may be presented in any order, and should be integrated throughout the year. It is important to note that encoding (spelling) and decoding (reading) are reciprocal skills. Decoding is internalized when tactile and kinesthetic opportunities (encoding) are provided. Additionally, students should engage in academic conversations, write, read, and be read to on a daily basis with opportunities for cross-curricular content and student choice.
  - (3) Text complexity increases with challenging vocabulary, sophisticated sentence structures, nuanced text features, cognitively demanding content, and subtle relationships among ideas (Texas

Education Agency, STAAR Performance Level Descriptors, 2013). As skills and knowledge are obtained in each of the seven strands, students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth to increasingly complex texts in multiple genres as they become self-directed, critical learners who work collaboratively while continuously using metacognitive skills.

- (4) Research consistently shows that language and literacy development in the student's native language not only facilitates learning English and English literacy, but is foundational to cognitive development and learning (Cummins, 2001; Thomas & Collier, 2002; Coelho, 2001). Emergent bilinguals (Sparrow et al., 2014; Slavin & Cheving, 2013) are students who are in the process of acquiring two or more linguistic codes, becoming bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural. Emergent bilinguals are often defined by their perceived deficits (semilinguals) (Escamilla, 2012). However, research has shown that bilinguals develop a unique interdependent system (Escamilla et al. 2007; Grosjean, 1989; Valdes and Figueroa, 1994) in which languages interconnect to increase linguistic functionality. This linguistic interdependence of language acquisition facilitates a transfer of literacy skills from the primary language (L1) to the second language (L2) (August & Shanahan, 2006; Bialystok, 2007; Miramontes, et al., 1997). The strength of learning through formal instruction in Spanish determines the extent of transfer to English (August, Calderon, & Carlo, 2002; Slavin & Calderon, 2001; Garcia, 2001). For transfer to be maximized, cross-linguistic connections between the two languages must be explicitly taught while students engage in a contrastive analysis of the Spanish and English languages (Cummins, 2007). Continued strong literacy development in Spanish provides the foundation and scaffold for literacy development given that a Common Underlying Proficiency (CUP) exists between the two languages (Cummins, 1991). Consequently, direct and systematic instruction (Genesee et al., 2005) in the appropriate sequence of Spanish skills with early English as a second language-based literacy instruction is critical to student success. As a result of working within two language systems, students' metalinguistic and metacognitive skills are enhanced when they learn about the similarities and differences between languages (Escamilla et. al., 2014). The extent to which English and Spanish are used is reliant on the type of bilingual program model being used (see Texas Education Code, §29.066).
  - (5) English language learners (ELLs) are expected to meet standards in a second language, and their proficiency in English directly impacts their ability to meet these standards. The comprehension of text throughout the stages of English language acquisition requires scaffolds such as adapted text, translations, native language support, cognates, summaries, pictures, realia, glossaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, and other modes of comprehensible input. Strategic use of the student's first language is important to ensure linguistic, affective, cognitive, and academic development in English. ELLs can and should be encouraged to use knowledge of their first language to enhance vocabulary development; vocabulary needs to be in the context of connected oral and written discourse so that it is meaningful.
  - (6) Current research stresses the importance of effectively integrating second language acquisition with quality content area education in order to ensure that ELLs acquire social and academic language proficiency in English, learn the knowledge and skills, and reach their full academic potential. Instruction must be linguistically accommodated in accordance with the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and the student's English language proficiency levels to ensure the mastery of knowledge and skills in the required curriculum is accessible. For a further understanding of second language acquisition needs, refer to the ELPS and proficiency-level descriptors adopted in Chapter 74, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Required Curriculum).
  - (7) Oral language proficiency holds a pivotal role in school success; verbal engagement must be maximized across grade levels (Kinsella, 2010). In order for students to become thinkers and proficient speakers in science, social studies, mathematics, fine arts, language arts and reading, and career and technical education, they must have multiple opportunities to practice and apply the academic language of each discipline (Fisher, Frey, & Rothenberg, 2008).
  - (8) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
- (b) Knowledge and skills.

- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:
- (A) listen actively and ask questions to understand information;
  - (B) follow oral directions that involve a short, related sequence of actions;
  - (C) share information and ideas by speaking audibly and clearly using the conventions of language;
  - (D) work collaboratively with others by following agreed-upon rules for discussion, including taking turns; and
  - (E) develop social communication such as introducing himself/herself, using common greetings, and expressing needs and wants.
- (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate phonological awareness by:
    - (i) identifying and producing rhyming words;
    - (ii) recognizing spoken alliteration or groups of words that begin with the same spoken onset or initial sound;
    - (iii) identifying the individual words in a spoken sentence;
    - (iv) identifying syllables in spoken words;
    - (v) blending syllables to form multisyllabic words;
    - (vi) segmenting multisyllabic words into syllables;
    - (vii) identifying initial and final sounds in simple words;
    - (viii) blending spoken phonemes to form one-syllable words;
    - (ix) manipulating syllables within a multisyllabic word; and
    - (x) segmenting spoken one-syllable words into individual phonemes;
  - (B) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by:
    - (i) identifying and matching the common sounds that letters represent;
    - (ii) using letter-sound relationships to decode one- and two-syllable words, including CV, CVC, VCV, and CVCV; and
    - (iii) recognizing that new words are created when letters or syllables are changed, added, or deleted;
  - (C) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by:
    - (i) spelling common letter and sound correlations; and
    - (ii) spelling words with common patterns such as CV, CVC, VCV, and CVCV;
  - (D) demonstrate print awareness by:
    - (i) identifying the front cover, back cover, and title page of a book;
    - (ii) holding a book right side up, turning pages correctly, and knowing that reading moves from top to bottom and left to right with return sweep;



- (iii) recognizing that sentences are comprised of words separated by spaces and recognizing word boundaries;
  - (iv) recognizing the difference between a letter and a printed word; and
  - (v) identifying all uppercase and lowercase letters; and
  - (E) develop handwriting by accurately forming all uppercase and lowercase letters using appropriate directionality.
- (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:
- (A) use a resource such as a picture dictionary or digital resource to find words;
  - (B) use illustrations and texts the student is able to read or hear to learn or clarify word meanings; and
  - (C) identify and use words that name actions; directions; positions; sequences; categories such as colors, shapes, and textures; and locations.
- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and interact independently with text for increasing periods of time.
- (5) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. The student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts with adult assistance;
  - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information with adult assistance;
  - (C) make and confirm predictions using text features and structures with adult assistance;
  - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding with adult assistance;
  - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society with adult assistance;
  - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding with adult assistance;
  - (G) evaluate details to determine what is most important with adult assistance;
  - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding with adult assistance; and
  - (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, checking for visual cues, and asking questions when understanding breaks down with adult assistance.
- (6) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources;
  - (B) provide an oral or pictorial response to a text;
  - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) retell texts in ways that maintain meaning;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as illustrating or writing; and
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate.

- (7) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) discuss topics and determine the basic theme using text evidence with adult assistance;
  - (B) identify and describe the main character(s);
  - (C) describe the elements of plot development, including the main events, the problem, and the resolution, for texts read aloud with adult assistance; and
  - (D) describe the setting.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate knowledge of well-known children's literature, including folktales, fables, fairy tales, and nursery rhymes;
  - (B) discuss rhyme and rhythm in nursery rhymes and a variety of poems;
  - (C) participate in and identify main characters in a play;
  - (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
    - (i) the central or main idea with adult assistance;
    - (ii) titles and simple graphics to gain information; and
    - (iii) the steps in a sequence with adult assistance; and
  - (E) recognize characteristics of persuasive text with adult assistance and state what the author is trying to persuade the reader to think or do.
- (9) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
- (A) discuss with adult assistance the author's purpose for writing text;
  - (B) discuss with adult assistance how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
  - (C) discuss with adult assistance the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
  - (D) discuss with adult assistance how the author uses words that help the reader visualize; and
  - (E) listen to and experience first- and third-person texts.
- (10) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
- (A) plan by generating ideas for writing through class discussions and drawings;
  - (B) develop drafts in oral, pictorial, or written form by organizing ideas;
  - (C) revise drafts by adding details in pictures or words;
  - (D) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard Spanish conventions, including:
    - (i) complete sentences;

- (ii) verbs;
  - (iii) singular and plural nouns, including articles;
  - (iv) descriptive adjectives;
  - (v) pronouns;
  - (vi) capitalization of the first letter in a sentence and names; and
  - (vii) punctuation marks at the end of declarative sentences; and
  - (E) share writing.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
- (A) dictate or compose literary texts, including personal narratives; and
  - (B) dictate or compose informational texts.
- (12) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
- (A) generate questions for formal and informal inquiry with adult assistance;
  - (B) develop and follow a research plan with adult assistance;
  - (C) gather information from a variety of sources with adult assistance;
  - (D) demonstrate understanding of information gathered with adult assistance; and
  - (E) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multi-modal, to present results.

**§128.3. Spanish Language Arts and Reading, Grade 1, Adopted 2017.**

**(a) Introduction.**

- (1) The Spanish language arts and reading Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) reflect language arts standards that are authentic to the Spanish language and Spanish literacy; they are neither translations nor modifications of the English language arts TEKS. The Spanish language arts and reading TEKS embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on academic oracy (proficiency in oral expression and comprehension), authentic reading, and reflective writing to ensure a literate Texas. They are integrated and progressive with students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity and nuance in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.
- (2) The seven strands of the essential knowledge and skills for Spanish language arts and reading are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes and are recursive in nature. Strands include the four domains of language (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and their application in order to accelerate the acquisition of language skills so that students develop high levels of social and academic language proficiency. Although some strands may require more instructional time, each strand is of equal value, may be presented in any order, and should be integrated throughout the year. It is important to note that encoding (spelling) and decoding (reading) are reciprocal skills. Decoding is internalized when tactile and kinesthetic opportunities (encoding) are provided. Additionally, students should engage in academic conversations, write, read, and be read to on a daily basis with opportunities for cross-curricular content and student choice.

- (3) Text complexity increases with challenging vocabulary, sophisticated sentence structures, nuanced text features, cognitively demanding content, and subtle relationships among ideas (Texas Education Agency, *STAAR Performance Level Descriptors*, 2013). As skills and knowledge are obtained in each of the seven strands, students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth to increasingly complex texts in multiple genres as they become self-directed, critical learners who work collaboratively while continuously using metacognitive skills.
- (4) Research consistently shows that language and literacy development in the student's native language not only facilitates learning English and English literacy, but is foundational to cognitive development and learning (Cummins, 2001; Thomas & Collier, 2002; Coelho, 2001). Emergent bilinguals (Sparrow et al., 2014; Slavin & Cheving, 2013) are students who are in the process of acquiring two or more linguistic codes, becoming bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural. Emergent bilinguals are often defined by their perceived deficits (semilinguals) (Escamilla, 2012). However, research has shown that bilinguals develop a unique interdependent system (Escamilla et al. 2007; Grosjean, 1989; Valdes and Figueroa, 1994) in which languages interconnect to increase linguistic functionality. This linguistic interdependence of language acquisition facilitates a transfer of literacy skills from the primary language (L1) to the second language (L2) (August & Shanahan, 2006; Bialystok, 2007; Miramontes, et al., 1997). The strength of learning through formal instruction in Spanish determines the extent of transfer to English (August, Calderon, & Carlo, 2002; Slavin & Calderon, 2001; Garcia, 2001). For transfer to be maximized, cross-linguistic connections between the two languages must be explicitly taught while students engage in a contrastive analysis of the Spanish and English languages (Cummins, 2007). Continued strong literacy development in Spanish provides the foundation and scaffold for literacy development given that a Common Underlying Proficiency (CUP) exists between the two languages (Cummins, 1991). Consequently, direct and systematic instruction (Genesee et al., 2005) in the appropriate sequence of Spanish skills with early English as a second language-based literacy instruction is critical to student success. As a result of working within two language systems, students' metalinguistic and metacognitive skills are enhanced when they learn about the similarities and differences between languages (Escamilla et al., 2014). The extent to which English and Spanish are used is reliant on the type of bilingual program model being used (see Texas Education Code, §29.066).
- (5) English language learners (ELLs) are expected to meet standards in a second language, and their proficiency in English directly impacts their ability to meet these standards. The comprehension of text throughout the stages of English language acquisition requires scaffolds such as adapted text, translations, native language support, cognates, summaries, pictures, realia, glossaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, and other modes of comprehensible input. Strategic use of the student's first language is important to ensure linguistic, affective, cognitive, and academic development in English. ELLs can and should be encouraged to use knowledge of their first language to enhance vocabulary development; vocabulary needs to be in the context of connected oral and written discourse so that it is meaningful.
- (6) Current research stresses the importance of effectively integrating second language acquisition with quality content area education in order to ensure that ELLs acquire social and academic language proficiency in English, learn the knowledge and skills, and reach their full academic potential. Instruction must be linguistically accommodated in accordance with the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and the student's English language proficiency levels to ensure the mastery of knowledge and skills in the required curriculum is accessible. For a further understanding of second language acquisition needs, refer to the ELPS and proficiency-level descriptors adopted in Chapter 74, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Required Curriculum).
- (7) Oral language proficiency holds a pivotal role in school success; verbal engagement must be maximized across grade levels (Kinsella, 2010). In order for students to become thinkers and proficient speakers in science, social studies, mathematics, fine arts, language arts and reading, and career and technical education, they must have multiple opportunities to practice and apply the academic language of each discipline (Fisher, Frey, & Rothenberg, 2008).

- (8) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
- (b) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:
- (A) listen actively, ask relevant questions to clarify information, and answer questions using multi-word responses;
  - (B) follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a short, related sequence of actions;
  - (C) share information and ideas about the topic under discussion, speaking clearly at an appropriate pace and using the conventions of language;
  - (D) work collaboratively with others by following agreed-upon rules for discussion, including listening to others, speaking when recognized, and making appropriate contributions; and
  - (E) develop social communication such as introducing himself/herself and others, relating experiences to a classmate, and expressing needs and feelings.
- (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate phonological awareness by:
    - (i) producing a series of rhyming words;
    - (ii) recognizing spoken alliteration or groups of words that begin with the same spoken onset or initial sound;
    - (iii) recognizing the change in spoken word when a specified phoneme is added, changed, or removed;
    - (iv) segmenting spoken one-syllable words into individual phonemes;
    - (v) blending spoken phonemes to form one-syllable words, including consonant blends;
    - (vi) segmenting spoken one-syllable words of three to five phonemes into individual phonemes, including words with consonant blends; and
    - (vii) manipulating phonemes within base words;
  - (B) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by:
    - (i) identifying and matching sounds to individual letters;
    - (ii) decoding words in isolation and in context with all vowel and consonant sounds;
    - (iii) decoding words with consonant digraphs such as /ch/, /rr/, and /ll/ and consonant blends such as /bl/, /br/, /gl/, and /gr/;
    - (iv) decoding words with diphthongs such as /ai/, /au/, and /ei/;
    - (v) decoding contractions such as al and del;
    - (vi) decoding three- to four-syllable words;
    - (vii) using knowledge of base words to decode common compound words; and
    - (viii) decoding words with common prefixes and suffixes;
  - (C) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by:

- (i) spelling common letter and sound correlations;
  - (ii) spelling words with common patterns such as CV, CVC, VCV, and CVCV;
  - (iii) spelling words with consonant digraphs such as /ch/, /rr/, and /ll/ and consonant blends such as /bl/, /br/, and /gl/;
  - (iv) spelling three- to four-syllable words;
  - (v) spelling contractions such as al and del;
  - (vi) spelling words with diphthongs such as /ai/, /au/, and /ei/ and hiatus such as le-er, rí-o, quie-ro, na-die, and ra-dio; and
  - (vii) spelling words with common prefixes and suffixes;
  - (D) demonstrate print awareness by identifying the information that different parts of a book provide;
  - (E) alphabetize a series of words to the first or second letter and use a dictionary to find words; and
  - (F) develop handwriting by printing words, sentences, and answers legibly leaving appropriate spaces between words.
- (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:
- (A) use a resource such as a picture dictionary or digital resource to find words;
  - (B) use illustrations and texts the student is able to read or hear to learn or clarify word meanings;
  - (C) identify and use words that name actions, directions, positions, sequences, categories, and locations; and
  - (D) identify the meaning of words with affixes including, -s, -es, and -or.
- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to use appropriate fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) when reading grade-level text.
- (5) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and interact independently with text for increasing periods of time.
- (6) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. The student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts with adult assistance;
  - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information with adult assistance;
  - (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures with adult assistance;
  - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding with adult assistance;
  - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society with adult assistance;
  - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding with adult assistance;
  - (G) evaluate details to determine what is most important with adult assistance;
  - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding with adult assistance; and

- (1) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, checking for visual cues, and asking questions when understanding breaks down.
- (7) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources;
  - (B) write brief comments on literary or informational texts;
  - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) retell texts in ways that maintain meaning;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as illustrating or writing; and
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) discuss topics and determine theme using text evidence with adult assistance;
  - (B) describe the main character(s) and how their feelings and actions change;
  - (C) describe plot elements, including the main events, the problem, and the resolution, for texts read aloud and independently; and
  - (D) describe the setting.
- (9) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate knowledge of well-known children's literature such as folktales, fables, fairy tales, and nursery rhymes;
  - (B) discuss rhyme, rhythm, repetition, and alliteration in a variety of poems;
  - (C) identify the elements of a play such as characters and setting;
  - (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
    - (i) the central or main idea with adult assistance;
    - (ii) features and simple graphics to locate or gain information; and
    - (iii) temporal sequence and description; and
  - (E) recognize characteristics of persuasive text with adult assistance and state what the author is trying to persuade the reader to think or do.
- (10) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
- (A) discuss the author's purpose for writing text;
  - (B) discuss how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
  - (C) discuss with adult assistance the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;

- (D) discuss how the author uses words that help the reader visualize; and
  - (E) listen to and experience first- and third-person texts.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
- (A) plan a first draft by generating ideas for writing such as drawing and brainstorming;
  - (B) develop drafts in oral, pictorial, or written form by:
    - (i) organizing with structure; and
    - (ii) developing an idea with specific and relevant details;
  - (C) revise drafts by adding details in pictures or words;
  - (D) edit drafts using standard Spanish conventions, including:
    - (i) complete sentences with subject-verb agreement;
    - (ii) past and present verbs;
    - (iii) singular, plural, common, and proper nouns, including articles;
    - (iv) descriptive adjectives;
    - (v) adverbs that convey time;
    - (vi) prepositions;
    - (vii) pronouns;
    - (viii) capitalization for the beginning of sentences; and
    - (ix) punctuation marks at the end of declarative sentences and at the beginning and end of exclamatory and interrogative sentences; and
  - (E) publish and share writing.
- (12) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
- (A) dictate or compose literary texts, including personal narratives and poetry;
  - (B) dictate or compose informational texts, including procedural texts; and
  - (C) dictate or compose correspondence.
- (13) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
- (A) generate questions for formal and informal inquiry with adult assistance;
  - (B) develop and follow a research plan with adult assistance;
  - (C) identify and gather relevant sources and information to answer the questions with adult assistance;
  - (D) demonstrate understanding of information gathered with adult assistance; and
  - (E) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multi-modal, to present results.

**§128.4. Spanish Language Arts and Reading, Grade 2, Adopted 2017.**

- (a) Introduction.



- (1) The Spanish language arts and reading Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) reflect language arts standards that are authentic to the Spanish language and Spanish literacy; they are neither translations nor modifications of the English language arts TEKS. The Spanish language arts and reading TEKS embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on academic oracy (proficiency in oral expression and comprehension), authentic reading, and reflective writing to ensure a literate Texas. They are integrated and progressive with students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity and nuance in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.
- (2) The seven strands of the essential knowledge and skills for Spanish language arts and reading are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes and are recursive in nature. Strands include the four domains of language (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and their application in order to accelerate the acquisition of language skills so that students develop high levels of social and academic language proficiency. Although some strands may require more instructional time, each strand is of equal value, may be presented in any order, and should be integrated throughout the year. It is important to note that encoding (spelling) and decoding (reading) are reciprocal skills. Decoding is internalized when tactile and kinesthetic opportunities (encoding) are provided. Additionally, students should engage in academic conversations, write, read, and be read to on a daily basis with opportunities for cross-curricular content and student choice.
- (3) Text complexity increases with challenging vocabulary, sophisticated sentence structures, nuanced text features, cognitively demanding content, and subtle relationships among ideas (Texas Education Agency, *STAAR Performance Level Descriptors*, 2013). As skills and knowledge are obtained in each of the seven strands, students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth to increasingly complex texts in multiple genres as they become self-directed, critical learners who work collaboratively while continuously using metacognitive skills.
- (4) Research consistently shows that language and literacy development in the student's native language not only facilitates learning English and English literacy, but is foundational to cognitive development and learning (Cummins, 2001; Thomas & Collier, 2002; Coelho, 2001). Emergent bilinguals (Sparrow et al., 2014; Slavin & Cheving, 2013) are students who are in the process of acquiring two or more linguistic codes, becoming bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural. Emergent bilinguals are often defined by their perceived deficits (semilinguals) (Escamilla, 2012). However, research has shown that bilinguals develop a unique interdependent system (Escamilla et al. 2007; Grosjean, 1989; Valdes and Figueroa, 1994) in which languages interconnect to increase linguistic functionality. This linguistic interdependence of language acquisition facilitates a transfer of literacy skills from the primary language (L1) to the second language (L2) (August & Shanahan, 2006; Bialystok, 2007; Miramontes, et al., 1997). The strength of learning through formal instruction in Spanish determines the extent of transfer to English (August, Calderon, & Carlo, 2002; Slavin & Calderon, 2001; Garcia, 2001). For transfer to be maximized, cross-linguistic connections between the two languages must be explicitly taught while students engage in a contrastive analysis of the Spanish and English languages (Cummins, 2007). Continued strong literacy development in Spanish provides the foundation and scaffold for literacy development given that a Common Underlying Proficiency (CUP) exists between the two languages (Cummins, 1991). Consequently, direct and systematic instruction (Genesee et al., 2005) in the appropriate sequence of Spanish skills with early English as a second language-based literacy instruction is critical to student success. As a result of working within two language systems, students' metalinguistic and metacognitive skills are enhanced when they learn about the similarities and differences between languages (Escamilla et. al., 2014). The extent to which English and Spanish are used is reliant on the type of bilingual program model being used (see Texas Education Code, §29.066).
- (5) English language learners (ELLs) are expected to meet standards in a second language, and their proficiency in English directly impacts their ability to meet these standards. The comprehension of text throughout the stages of English language acquisition requires scaffolds such as adapted text,

translations, native language support, cognates, summaries, pictures, realia, glossaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, and other modes of comprehensible input. Strategic use of the student's first language is important to ensure linguistic, affective, cognitive, and academic development in English. ELLs can and should be encouraged to use knowledge of their first language to enhance vocabulary development; vocabulary needs to be in the context of connected oral and written discourse so that it is meaningful.

- (6) Current research stresses the importance of effectively integrating second language acquisition with quality content area education in order to ensure that ELLs acquire social and academic language proficiency in English, learn the knowledge and skills, and reach their full academic potential. Instruction must be linguistically accommodated in accordance with the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and the student's English language proficiency levels to ensure the mastery of knowledge and skills in the required curriculum is accessible. For a further understanding of second language acquisition needs, refer to the ELPS and proficiency-level descriptors adopted in Chapter 74, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Required Curriculum).
- (7) Oral language proficiency holds a pivotal role in school success; verbal engagement must be maximized across grade levels (Kinsella, 2010). In order for students to become thinkers and proficient speakers in science, social studies, mathematics, fine arts, language arts and reading, and career and technical education, they must have multiple opportunities to practice and apply the academic language of each discipline (Fisher, Frey, & Rothenberg, 2008).
- (8) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:
  - (A) listen actively, ask relevant questions to clarify information, and answer questions using multi-word responses;
  - (B) follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a short, related sequence of actions;
  - (C) share information and ideas that focus on the topic under discussion, speaking clearly at an appropriate pace and using the conventions of language;
  - (D) work collaboratively with others by following agreed-upon rules for discussion, including listening to others, speaking when recognized, making appropriate contributions, and building on the ideas of others; and
  - (E) develop social communication such as distinguishing between asking and telling.
- (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:
  - (A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by:
    - (i) decoding multi-syllabic words;
    - (ii) decoding words with consonant blends and digraphs;
    - (iii) decoding words with diphthongs and hiatus;
    - (iv) decoding common abbreviations; and
    - (v) decoding words with prefixes and suffixes;
  - (B) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by:
    - (i) spelling multi-syllabic words;

- (ii) spelling words with consonant blends and digraphs;
        - (iii) spelling words with diphthongs and hiatus;
        - (iv) spelling common abbreviations; and
        - (v) spelling words with prefixes and suffixes; and
      - (C) alphabetize a series of words and use a dictionary or glossary to find words; and
      - (D) develop handwriting by accurately forming all cursive letters using appropriate strokes when connecting letters.
- (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:
  - (A) use print or digital resources to determine meaning and pronunciation of unknown words;
  - (B) use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words;
  - (C) use affixes, including re-, pre-, -ción, and ísimo/ísima, to determine the meaning of words and subsequently use the newly acquired words; and
  - (D) identify, use, and explain the meaning of antonyms, synonyms, idioms, and homographs in context.
- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to use appropriate fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) when reading grade-level text.
- (5) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.
- (6) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. The student is expected to:
  - (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;
  - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;
  - (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;
  - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding;
  - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
  - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
  - (G) evaluate details to determine key ideas;
  - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and
  - (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, checking for visual cues, and asking questions when understanding breaks down.
- (7) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
  - (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources;
  - (B) write brief comments on literary or informational texts;

- (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) retell and paraphrase texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as illustrating or writing; and
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) discuss topics and determine theme using text evidence with adult assistance;
  - (B) describe the internal and external traits of the main character(s);
  - (C) describe and understand plot elements, including the main events, the problem, and the resolution, for texts read aloud and independently; and
  - (D) describe the importance of the setting.
- (9) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate knowledge of well-known children's literature such as folktales, fables, and fairy tales;
  - (B) explain visual patterns and structures in a variety of poems;
  - (C) identify the elements of a play such as characters, dialogue, and setting;
  - (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
    - (i) the central or main idea with adult assistance;
    - (ii) features and graphics to locate and gain information; and
    - (iii) chronological order and cause and effect stated explicitly; and
  - (E) recognize characteristics of persuasive text, including what the author is trying to persuade the reader to think or do.
- (10) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
- (A) discuss the author's purpose for writing text;
  - (B) discuss how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
  - (C) discuss the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
  - (D) discuss the use of descriptive, literal, and figurative language;
  - (E) identify the use of first or third person in a text; and
  - (F) explain the use of repetition.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
- (A) plan a first draft by generating ideas for writing such as drawing and brainstorming;
  - (B) develop drafts into a focused piece of writing by:

- (i) organizing with structure; and
  - (ii) developing an idea with specific and relevant details;
  - (C) revise drafts by adding, deleting, or rearranging words, phrases, or sentences;
  - (D) edit drafts using standard Spanish conventions, including:
    - (i) complete sentences with subject-verb agreement;
    - (ii) past, present, and future verbs;
    - (iii) singular, plural, common, and proper nouns, including articles;
    - (iv) descriptive adjectives and articles;
    - (v) adverbs that convey time;
    - (vi) prepositions and prepositional phrases;
    - (vii) pronouns;
    - (viii) capitalization for proper nouns and the salutation and closing of a letter; and
    - (ix) punctuation marks at the end of declarative sentences and the beginning and end of exclamatory and interrogative sentences; and
  - (E) publish and share writing.
- (12) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
- (A) compose literary texts, including personal narratives and poetry;
  - (B) compose informational texts, including procedural texts and reports; and
  - (C) compose correspondence.
- (13) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
- (A) generate questions for formal and informal inquiry with adult assistance;
  - (B) develop and follow a research plan with adult assistance;
  - (C) identify and gather relevant sources and information to answer the questions;
  - (D) identify primary and secondary sources;
  - (E) demonstrate understanding of information gathered;
  - (F) cite sources appropriately; and
  - (G) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multi-modal, to present results.

**§128.5. Spanish Language Arts and Reading, Grade 3, Adopted 2017.**

**(a) Introduction.**

- (1) The Spanish language arts and reading Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) reflect language arts standards that are authentic to the Spanish language and Spanish literacy; they are neither translations nor modifications of the English language arts TEKS. The Spanish language arts and reading TEKS embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on academic oracy (proficiency in oral expression and

comprehension), authentic reading, and reflective writing to ensure a literate Texas. They are integrated and progressive with students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity and nuance in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.

- (2) The seven strands of the essential knowledge and skills for Spanish language arts and reading are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes and are recursive in nature. Strands include the four domains of language (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and their application in order to accelerate the acquisition of language skills so that students develop high levels of social and academic language proficiency. Although some strands may require more instructional time, each strand is of equal value, may be presented in any order, and should be integrated throughout the year. It is important to note that encoding (spelling) and decoding (reading) are reciprocal skills. Decoding is internalized when tactile and kinesthetic opportunities (encoding) are provided. Additionally, students should engage in academic conversations, write, read, and be read to on a daily basis with opportunities for cross-curricular content and student choice.
- (3) Text complexity increases with challenging vocabulary, sophisticated sentence structures, nuanced text features, cognitively demanding content, and subtle relationships among ideas (Texas Education Agency, *STAAR Performance Level Descriptors*, 2013). As skills and knowledge are obtained in each of the seven strands, students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth to increasingly complex texts in multiple genres as they become self-directed, critical learners who work collaboratively while continuously using metacognitive skills.
- (4) Research consistently shows that language and literacy development in the student's native language not only facilitates learning English and English literacy, but is foundational to cognitive development and learning (Cummins, 2001; Thomas & Collier, 2002; Coelho, 2001). Emergent bilinguals (Sparrow et al., 2014; Slavin & Cheving, 2013) are students who are in the process of acquiring two or more linguistic codes, becoming bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural. Emergent bilinguals are often defined by their perceived deficits (semilinguals) (Escamilla, 2012). However, research has shown that bilinguals develop a unique interdependent system (Escamilla et al. 2007; Grosjean, 1989; Valdes and Figueroa, 1994) in which languages interconnect to increase linguistic functionality. This linguistic interdependence of language acquisition facilitates a transfer of literacy skills from the primary language (L1) to the second language (L2) (August & Shanahan, 2006; Bialystok, 2007; Miramontes, et al., 1997). The strength of learning through formal instruction in Spanish determines the extent of transfer to English (August, Calderon, & Carlo, 2002; Slavin & Calderon, 2001; Garcia, 2001). For transfer to be maximized, cross-linguistic connections between the two languages must be explicitly taught while students engage in a contrastive analysis of the Spanish and English languages (Cummins, 2007). Continued strong literacy development in Spanish provides the foundation and scaffold for literacy development given that a Common Underlying Proficiency (CUP) exists between the two languages (Cummins, 1991). Consequently, direct and systematic instruction (Genesee et al., 2005) in the appropriate sequence of Spanish skills with early English as a second language-based literacy instruction is critical to student success. As a result of working within two language systems, students' metalinguistic and metacognitive skills are enhanced when they learn about the similarities and differences between languages (Escamilla et. al., 2014). The extent to which English and Spanish are used is reliant on the type of bilingual program model being used (see Texas Education Code, §29.066).
- (5) English language learners (ELLs) are expected to meet standards in a second language, and their proficiency in English directly impacts their ability to meet these standards. The comprehension of text throughout the stages of English language acquisition requires scaffolds such as adapted text, translations, native language support, cognates, summaries, pictures, realia, glossaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, and other modes of comprehensible input. Strategic use of the student's first language is important to ensure linguistic, affective, cognitive, and academic development in English. ELLs can and should be encouraged to use knowledge of their first language to enhance vocabulary development; vocabulary needs to be in the context of connected oral and written discourse so that it is meaningful.

- (6) Current research stresses the importance of effectively integrating second language acquisition with quality content area education in order to ensure that ELLs acquire social and academic language proficiency in English, learn the knowledge and skills, and reach their full academic potential. Instruction must be linguistically accommodated in accordance with the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and the student's English language proficiency levels to ensure the mastery of knowledge and skills in the required curriculum is accessible. For a further understanding of second language acquisition needs, refer to the ELPS and proficiency-level descriptors adopted in Chapter 74, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Required Curriculum).
- (7) Oral language proficiency holds a pivotal role in school success; verbal engagement must be maximized across grade levels (Kinsella, 2010). In order for students to become thinkers and proficient speakers in science, social studies, mathematics, fine arts, language arts and reading, and career and technical education, they must have multiple opportunities to practice and apply the academic language of each discipline (Fisher, Frey, & Rothenberg, 2008).
- (8) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
- (b) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:
- (A) listen actively, ask relevant questions to clarify information, and make pertinent comments;
  - (B) follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a series of related sequences of action;
  - (C) speak coherently about the topic under discussion, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, and the conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively;
  - (D) work collaboratively with others by following agreed-upon rules, norms, and protocols; and
  - (E) develop social communication such as conversing politely in all situations.
- (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by:
    - (i) decoding words with a prosodic or orthographic accent;
    - (ii) decoding words with multiple sound spelling patterns such as c, k, and q and s, z, soft c, and x;
    - (iii) decoding words with silent "h" and words that use the syllables que-, qui-, gue-, gui-, güe-, and güi;
    - (iv) becoming very familiar with the concept of hiatus and diphthongs and the implications for orthographic accents;
    - (v) decoding and differentiating meaning of a word based on a diacritical accent; and
    - (vi) decoding words with prefixes and suffixes;
  - (B) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by:
    - (i) spelling palabras graves (words with an accent on the penultimate/last syllable);

- (ii) spelling palabras esdrújulas (words with the stress on the antepenultimate syllable) that have an orthographic accent;
  - (iii) spelling words with the concept of hiatus and diphthongs and their implications for orthographic accents;
  - (iv) using accents on words commonly used in questions and exclamations;
  - (v) spelling words based on the diacritical accent such as se/sé, el/él, and mas/más;
  - (vi) marking accents appropriately when conjugating verbs in simple and imperfect past, perfect, conditional, and future tenses;
  - (vii) spelling words with silent "h" and words that use the syllables que-, qui-, gue-, gui-, güe-, and güi-;
  - (viii) spelling words that have the same sounds represented by different letters, including "ll" and "y"; "c," "k," and "q"; soft c, soft x, s, and z; and soft g, j, and x;
  - (ix) spelling words with hard and soft /r/;
  - (x) spelling words using "n" before "v"; "m" before "b"; and "m" before "p";
  - (xi) spelling words with consonant blends; and
  - (xii) spelling the plural form of words ending in "z" by replacing the "z" with "c" before adding -es; and
- (C) alphabetize a series of words to the third letter; and
- (D) write complete words, thoughts, and answers legibly in cursive leaving appropriate spaces between words.
- (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:
- (A) use print or digital resources to determine meaning, syllabication, and pronunciation;
  - (B) use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and multiple-meaning words;
  - (C) use and identify the meaning of words with affixes, including in-, des-, ex-, -mente, -dad, -oso, -eza, and -ura, and know how the affix changes the meaning of the word; and
  - (D) identify, use, and explain the meaning of antonyms, synonyms, idioms, and homographs in a text.
- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to use appropriate fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) when reading grade-level text.
- (5) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.
- (6) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. The student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;
  - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;
  - (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;



- (D) create mental images to deepen understanding;
  - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
  - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
  - (G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
  - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and
  - (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.
- (7) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;
  - (B) write a response to a literary or informational text that demonstrates an understanding of a text;
  - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) retell and paraphrase texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate; and
  - (G) discuss specific ideas in the text that are important to the meaning.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) infer the theme of a work, distinguishing theme from topic;
  - (B) explain the relationship among the major and minor characters;
  - (C) analyze plot elements, including the sequence of events, the problem, and the resolution; and
  - (D) explain the influence of the setting on the plot.
- (9) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate knowledge of well-known children's literature such as folktales, fables, fairy tales, legends, and myths;
  - (B) explain rhyme scheme, sound devices, and structural elements such as stanzas in a variety of poems;
  - (C) identify the elements of a play such as characters, dialogue, setting, and acts;
  - (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
    - (i) the central idea;
    - (ii) features such as sections, tables, graphs, timelines, bullets, numbers, and bold and italicized font to support understanding of the text; and
    - (iii) cause and effect and problem and solution; and
  - (E) recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by:

- (i) identifying the claim;
  - (ii) distinguishing facts from opinion; and
  - (iii) identifying the intended audience or reader.
- (10) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
  - (B) explain how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
  - (C) explain the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
  - (D) describe how the author's use of imagery, literal and figurative language such as simile, and sound devices such as onomatopoeia achieves specific purposes;
  - (E) identify the use of literary devices, including first- or third-person point of view;
  - (F) discuss how the author's use of language contributes to voice; and
  - (G) explain the use of repetition.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
- (A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as brainstorming, freewriting, and mapping;
  - (B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by:
    - (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction and a conclusion; and
    - (ii) developing an engaging idea with relevant details;
  - (C) revise drafts to improve sentence structure and word choice by adding, deleting, combining, and rearranging ideas for coherence and clarity;
  - (D) edit drafts using standard Spanish conventions, including:
    - (i) complete simple and compound sentences with subject-verb agreement;
    - (ii) past, present, and future verbs;
    - (iii) singular, plural, common, and proper nouns;
    - (iv) descriptive and limiting adjectives, including articles;
    - (v) adverbs that convey time and manner;
    - (vi) prepositions and prepositional phrases;
    - (vii) possessive pronouns;
    - (viii) coordinating conjunctions to form compound predicates, subjects, and sentences;
    - (ix) capitalization for proper nouns, geographical names and places, historical periods, and official titles of people; and
    - (x) punctuation marks, including commas in a series and dates, and correct mechanics, including indentations; and
  - (E) publish written work for appropriate audiences.

- (12) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
- (A) compose literary texts, including personal narratives, fiction, and poetry;
  - (B) compose informational texts using genre characteristics and craft;
  - (C) compose argumentative texts, including opinion essays, using genre characteristics and craft; and
  - (D) compose correspondence such as thank you notes or letters.
- (13) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
- (A) generate questions on a topic for formal and informal inquiry;
  - (B) develop and follow a research plan with adult assistance;
  - (C) identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources;
  - (D) identify primary and secondary sources;
  - (E) demonstrate understanding of information gathered;
  - (F) recognize the difference between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials;
  - (G) create a works cited page; and
  - (H) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multi-modal, to present results.

**§128.6. Spanish Language Arts and Reading, Grade 4, Adopted 2017.**

**(a) Introduction.**

- (1) The Spanish language arts and reading Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) reflect language arts standards that are authentic to the Spanish language and Spanish literacy; they are neither translations nor modifications of the English language arts TEKS. The Spanish language arts and reading TEKS embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on academic oracy (proficiency in oral expression and comprehension), authentic reading, and reflective writing to ensure a literate Texas. They are integrated and progressive with students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity and nuance in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.
- (2) The seven strands of the essential knowledge and skills for Spanish language arts and reading are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes and are recursive in nature. Strands include the four domains of language (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and their application in order to accelerate the acquisition of language skills so that students develop high levels of social and academic language proficiency. Although some strands may require more instructional time, each strand is of equal value, may be presented in any order, and should be integrated throughout the year. It is important to note that encoding (spelling) and decoding (reading) are reciprocal skills. Decoding is internalized when tactile and kinesthetic opportunities (encoding) are provided. Additionally, students should engage in academic conversations, write, read, and be read to on a daily basis with opportunities for cross-curricular content and student choice.
- (3) Text complexity increases with challenging vocabulary, sophisticated sentence structures, nuanced text features, cognitively demanding content, and subtle relationships among ideas (Texas

Education Agency, STAAR Performance Level Descriptors, 2013). As skills and knowledge are obtained in each of the seven strands, students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth to increasingly complex texts in multiple genres as they become self-directed, critical learners who work collaboratively while continuously using metacognitive skills.

- (4) Research consistently shows that language and literacy development in the student's native language not only facilitates learning English and English literacy, but is foundational to cognitive development and learning (Cummins, 2001; Thomas & Collier, 2002; Coelho, 2001). Emergent bilinguals (Sparrow et al., 2014; Slavin & Cheving, 2013) are students who are in the process of acquiring two or more linguistic codes, becoming bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural. Emergent bilinguals are often defined by their perceived deficits (semilinguals) (Escamilla, 2012). However, research has shown that bilinguals develop a unique interdependent system (Escamilla et al. 2007; Grosjean, 1989; Valdes and Figueroa, 1994) in which languages interconnect to increase linguistic functionality. This linguistic interdependence of language acquisition facilitates a transfer of literacy skills from the primary language (L1) to the second language (L2) (August & Shanahan, 2006; Bialystok, 2007; Miramontes, et al., 1997). The strength of learning through formal instruction in Spanish determines the extent of transfer to English (August, Calderon, & Carlo, 2002; Slavin & Calderon, 2001; Garcia, 2001). For transfer to be maximized, cross-linguistic connections between the two languages must be explicitly taught while students engage in a contrastive analysis of the Spanish and English languages (Cummins, 2007). Continued strong literacy development in Spanish provides the foundation and scaffold for literacy development given that a Common Underlying Proficiency (CUP) exists between the two languages (Cummins, 1991). Consequently, direct and systematic instruction (Genesee et al., 2005) in the appropriate sequence of Spanish skills with early English as a second language-based literacy instruction is critical to student success. As a result of working within two language systems, students' metalinguistic and metacognitive skills are enhanced when they learn about the similarities and differences between languages (Escamilla et al., 2014). The extent to which English and Spanish are used is reliant on the type of bilingual program model being used (see Texas Education Code, §29.066).
  - (5) English language learners (ELLs) are expected to meet standards in a second language, and their proficiency in English directly impacts their ability to meet these standards. The comprehension of text throughout the stages of English language acquisition requires scaffolds such as adapted text, translations, native language support, cognates, summaries, pictures, realia, glossaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, and other modes of comprehensible input. Strategic use of the student's first language is important to ensure linguistic, affective, cognitive, and academic development in English. ELLs can and should be encouraged to use knowledge of their first language to enhance vocabulary development; vocabulary needs to be in the context of connected oral and written discourse so that it is meaningful.
  - (6) Current research stresses the importance of effectively integrating second language acquisition with quality content area education in order to ensure that ELLs acquire social and academic language proficiency in English, learn the knowledge and skills, and reach their full academic potential. Instruction must be linguistically accommodated in accordance with the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and the student's English language proficiency levels to ensure the mastery of knowledge and skills in the required curriculum is accessible. For a further understanding of second language acquisition needs, refer to the ELPS and proficiency-level descriptors adopted in Chapter 74, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Required Curriculum).
  - (7) Oral language proficiency holds a pivotal role in school success; verbal engagement must be maximized across grade levels (Kinsella, 2010). In order for students to become thinkers and proficient speakers in science, social studies, mathematics, fine arts, language arts and reading, and career and technical education, they must have multiple opportunities to practice and apply the academic language of each discipline (Fisher, Frey, & Rothenberg, 2008).
  - (8) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
- (b) Knowledge and skills.

- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:
- (A) listen actively, ask relevant questions to clarify information, and make pertinent comments;
  - (B) follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a series of related sequences of action;
  - (C) express an opinion supported by accurate information, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, and the conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively; and
  - (D) work collaboratively with others to develop a plan of shared responsibilities.
- (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by:
    - (i) decoding palabras agudas, graves, and esdrújulas (words with the stress on the antepenultimate, penultimate, and last syllable and words with the stress on the syllable before the antepenultimate);
    - (ii) using orthographic rules to segment and combine syllables, including diphthongs and formal and accented hiatus;
    - (iii) decoding and differentiating meaning of a word based on the diacritical accent; and
    - (iv) decoding words with prefixes and suffixes;
  - (B) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by:
    - (i) spelling palabras agudas y graves (words with the stress on the penultimate and last syllable) with an orthographic accent;
    - (ii) spelling palabras esdrújulas (words with the stress on the antepenultimate syllable) that have an orthographic accent;
    - (iii) spelling words with diphthongs and hiatus; and
    - (iv) marking accents appropriately when conjugating verbs in simple and imperfect past, perfect, conditional, and future tenses; and
  - (C) write legibly in cursive to complete assignments.
- (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:
- (A) use print or digital resources to determine meaning, syllabication, and pronunciation;
  - (B) use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the relevant meaning of unfamiliar words or multiple-meaning words;
  - (C) identify the meaning of and use base words with affixes, including mono-, sobre-, sub-, inter-, poli-, -able, -ante, -eza, -ancia, and -ura, and roots, including auto, bio, graffa, metro, fono, and tele;
  - (D) identify, use, and explain the meaning of idioms, homographs, and homophones such as abrasar/abrazar; and
  - (E) complete analogies using knowledge of antonyms and synonyms.

- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to use appropriate fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) when reading grade-level text.
- (5) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.
- (6) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. The student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;
  - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;
  - (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;
  - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding;
  - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
  - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
  - (G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
  - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and
  - (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.
- (7) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;
  - (B) write a response to compare and contrast ideas across a variety of sources;
  - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) retell, paraphrase, or summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate; and
  - (G) discuss specific ideas in the text that are important to the meaning.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) infer basic themes supported by text evidence;
  - (B) explain the interactions of the characters and the changes they undergo;
  - (C) analyze plot elements, including the rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution; and
  - (D) explain the influence of the setting, including historical and cultural settings, on the plot.
- (9) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across

increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:

- (A) demonstrate knowledge of well-known children's literature such as folktales, fables, legends, myths, and tall tales;
  - (B) explain figurative language such as simile, metaphor, and personification that the poet uses to create images;
  - (C) identify the elements of a play such as characters, dialogue, setting, acts, and scenes;
  - (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
    - (i) the central idea;
    - (ii) features such as pronunciation guides and diagrams to support understanding of the text; and
    - (iii) compare and contrast; and
  - (E) recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by:
    - (i) identifying the claim;
    - (ii) explaining how the author has used facts for an argument; and
    - (iii) identifying the intended audience or reader.
- (10) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
  - (B) explain how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
  - (C) analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
  - (D) describe how the author's use of imagery, literal and figurative language such as simile and metaphor, and sound devices such as alliteration and assonance achieves specific purposes;
  - (E) identify and understand the use of literary devices, including first- or third-person point of view;
  - (F) discuss how the author's use of language contributes to voice; and
  - (G) identify the use of hyperbole.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
- (A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as brainstorming, freewriting, and mapping;
  - (B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by:
    - (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, and a conclusion; and
    - (ii) developing an engaging idea with relevant details;
  - (C) revise drafts to improve sentence structure and word choice by adding, deleting, combining, and rearranging ideas for coherence and clarity;
  - (D) edit drafts using standard Spanish conventions, including:

- (i) complete simple and compound sentences with subject-verb agreement;
  - (ii) irregular verbs;
  - (iii) singular, plural, common, and proper nouns and correlating articles when applicable;
  - (iv) descriptive adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms;
  - (v) adverbs that convey frequency and intensity;
  - (vi) prepositions and prepositional phrases;
  - (vii) reflexive pronouns;
  - (viii) coordinating conjunctions to form compound predicates, subjects, and sentences;
  - (ix) capitalization for historical events and documents, titles of books, stories, and essays; and
  - (x) punctuation marks, including commas in compound and complex sentences and em dash for dialogue; and
- (E) publish written work for appropriate audiences.
- (12) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
- (A) compose literary texts such as personal narratives, fiction, and poetry;
  - (B) compose informational texts using genre characteristics and craft;
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  - (D) compose correspondence that requests information.
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  - (B) develop and follow a research plan with adult assistance;
  - (C) identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources;
  - (D) identify primary and secondary sources;
  - (E) demonstrate understanding of information gathered;
  - (F) recognize the difference between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials;
  - (G) develop a bibliography; and
  - (H) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multi-modal, to present results.

**§128.7. Spanish Language Arts and Reading, Grade 5, Adopted 2017.**

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arts and reading TEKS embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on academic oracy (proficiency in oral expression and comprehension), authentic reading, and reflective writing to ensure a literate Texas. They are integrated and progressive with students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity and nuance in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.

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English. ELLs can and should be encouraged to use knowledge of their first language to enhance vocabulary development; vocabulary needs to be in the context of connected oral and written discourse so that it is meaningful.

- (6) Current research stresses the importance of effectively integrating second language acquisition with quality content area education in order to ensure that ELLs acquire social and academic language proficiency in English, learn the knowledge and skills, and reach their full academic potential. Instruction must be linguistically accommodated in accordance with the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and the student's English language proficiency levels to ensure the mastery of knowledge and skills in the required curriculum is accessible. For a further understanding of second language acquisition needs, refer to the ELPS and proficiency-level descriptors adopted in Chapter 74, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Required Curriculum).
  - (7) Oral language proficiency holds a pivotal role in school success; verbal engagement must be maximized across grade levels (Kinsella, 2010). In order for students to become thinkers and proficient speakers in science, social studies, mathematics, fine arts, language arts and reading, and career and technical education, they must have multiple opportunities to practice and apply the academic language of each discipline (Fisher, Frey, & Rothenberg, 2008).
  - (8) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
- (b) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:
    - (A) listen actively to interpret verbal and non-verbal messages, ask relevant questions, and make pertinent comments;
    - (B) follow, restate, and give oral instructions that include multiple action steps;
    - (C) give an organized presentation employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively; and
    - (D) work collaboratively with others to develop a plan of shared responsibilities.
  - (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:
    - (A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by:
      - (i) decoding palabras agudas, graves, and esdrújulas (words with the stress on the antepenultimate, penultimate, and last syllable and words with the stress on the syllable before the antepenultimate);
      - (ii) using orthographic rules to segment and combine syllables, including diphthongs and formal and accented hiatus;
      - (iii) decoding and differentiating meaning of word based on the diacritical accent; and
      - (iv) decoding words with prefixes and suffixes;
    - (B) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by:
      - (i) spelling words with more advanced orthographic patterns and rules;

- (ii) spelling palabras agudas, graves, and esdrújulas (words with the stress on the antepenultimate, penultimate, and last syllable) with a prosodic or orthographic accent;
  - (iii) spelling palabras sobresdrújulas (words with the stress on the syllable before the antepenultimate syllable) with a prosodic or orthographic accent;
  - (iv) spelling words with hiatus and diphthongs; and
  - (v) marking accents appropriately when conjugating verbs in simple and imperfect past, perfect, conditional, and future tenses; and
- (C) write legibly in cursive.
- (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:
- (A) use print or digital resources to determine meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, and word origin;
  - (B) use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the relevant meaning of unfamiliar words or multiple-meaning words;
  - (C) identify the meaning of and use base words with affixes, including trans-, super-, anti-, semi-, -logía, -ificar, -ismo, and -ista and roots, including audi, crono, foto, geo, and terr;
  - (D) identify, use, and explain the meaning of idioms, adages, and puns;
  - (E) differentiate between and use homographs, homophones, and commonly confused terms such as porque, porqué, por qué, and por que; sino and si no; and también and tan bien; and
  - (F) produce analogies with known antonyms and synonyms.
- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to use appropriate fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) when reading grade-level text.
- (5) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.
- (6) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. The student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;
  - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;
  - (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;
  - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding;
  - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
  - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
  - (G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
  - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and
  - (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.

- (7) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;
  - (B) write a response to compare and contrast ideas across a variety of sources;
  - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) retell, paraphrase, or summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate; and
  - (G) discuss specific ideas in the text that are important to the meaning.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) infer multiple themes within a text using text evidence;
  - (B) analyze the relationships of and conflicts among the characters;
  - (C) analyze plot elements, including rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution; and
  - (D) analyze the influence of the setting, including historical and cultural settings, on the plot.
- (9) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate knowledge of well-known children's literature such as folktales, fables, legends, myths, and tall tales;
  - (B) explain the use of sound devices and figurative language and distinguish between the poet and the speaker in poems across a variety of poetic forms;
  - (C) identify the elements of a play such as characters, dialogue, setting, acts, and scenes;
  - (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
    - (i) the central idea;
    - (ii) features such as insets, timelines, and sidebars to support understanding of text; and
    - (iii) logical order and order of importance; and
  - (E) recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by:
    - (i) identifying the claim;
    - (ii) explaining how the author has used facts for or against an argument; and
    - (iii) identifying the intended audience or reader.
- (10) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
  - (B) analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;

- (C) analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
  - (D) describe how the author's use of imagery, literal and figurative language such as simile and metaphor, and sound devices achieves specific purposes;
  - (E) identify and understand the use of literary devices, including first- or third-person point of view;
  - (F) examine how the author's use of language contributes to voice; and
  - (G) explain the purpose of hyperbole and stereotyping.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
- (A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as brainstorming, freewriting, and mapping;
  - (B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by:
    - (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, and a conclusion; and
    - (ii) developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific facts and details;
  - (C) revise drafts to improve sentence structure and word choice by adding, deleting, combining, and rearranging ideas for coherence and clarity;
  - (D) edit drafts using standard Spanish conventions, including:
    - (i) complete simple and compound sentences with subject-verb agreement;
    - (ii) irregular verbs;
    - (iii) collective nouns;
    - (iv) descriptive adjectives, including those indicating origin, and their comparative and superlative forms;
    - (v) adverbs that convey frequency and intensity;
    - (vi) conjunctive adverbs;
    - (vii) prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement;
    - (viii) indefinite pronouns;
    - (ix) correlative conjunctions;
    - (x) capitalization for initials, acronyms, and organizations;
    - (xi) punctuation marks, including commas in compound and complex sentences and em dash for dialogue; and
    - (xii) proper mechanics, including italics and underlining for titles and emphasis and quotation marks for titles; and
  - (E) publish written work for appropriate audiences.
- (12) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
- (A) compose literary texts such as personal narratives, fiction, and poetry;
  - (B) compose informational texts using genre characteristics and craft;

- (C) compose argumentative texts, including opinion essays, using genre characteristics and craft; and
- (D) compose correspondence that requests information.
- (13) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
  - (A) generate and clarify questions on a topic for formal and informal inquiry;
  - (B) develop and follow a research plan with adult assistance;
  - (C) identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources;
  - (D) understand credibility of primary and secondary sources;
  - (E) demonstrate understanding of information gathered;
  - (F) differentiate between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials;
  - (G) develop a bibliography; and
  - (H) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multi-modal, to present results.

## Subchapter B. Middle School

### **§128.20. Implementation of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Spanish Language Arts and Reading and English as a Second Language, Middle School, Adopted 2017.**

- (a) The provisions of this section and §§128.21-128.23 of this title shall be implemented by school districts.
- (b) No later than August 31, 2018, the commissioner of education shall determine whether instructional materials funding has been made available to Texas public schools for materials that cover the essential knowledge and skills for Spanish language arts and reading and English as a Second Language as adopted in §§128.21-128.23 of this title.
- (c) If the commissioner makes the determination that instructional materials funding has been made available under subsection (b) of this section, §§128.21-128.23 of this title shall be implemented beginning with the 2019-2020 school year and apply to the 2019-2020 and subsequent school years.
- (d) If the commissioner does not make the determination that instructional materials funding has been made available under subsection (b) of this section, the commissioner shall determine no later than August 31 of each subsequent school year whether instructional materials funding has been made available. If the commissioner determines that instructional materials funding has been made available, the commissioner shall notify the State Board of Education and school districts that §§128.21-128.23 of this title shall be implemented for the following school year.
- (e) Section 128.18 of this title shall be superseded by the implementation of this section and §§128.21-128.23 of this title.

### **§128.21. Spanish Language Arts and Reading, Grade 6, Adopted 2017.**

- (a) Introduction.
  - (1) The Spanish language arts and reading Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) reflect language arts standards that are authentic to the Spanish language and Spanish literacy; they are neither translations nor modifications of the English language arts TEKS. The Spanish language arts and reading TEKS embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on academic oracy (proficiency in oral expression and comprehension), authentic reading, and reflective writing to ensure a literate Texas. They are integrated and progressive with students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity and nuance in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.
  - (2) The seven strands of the essential knowledge and skills for Spanish language arts and reading are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes and are recursive in nature. Strands include the four domains of language (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and their application in order to accelerate the acquisition of language skills so that students develop high levels of social and academic language proficiency. Although some strands may require more instructional time, each strand is of equal value, may be presented in any order, and should be integrated throughout the year. It is important to note that encoding (spelling) and decoding (reading) are reciprocal skills. Decoding is internalized when tactile and kinesthetic opportunities (encoding) are provided. Additionally, students should engage in academic conversations, write, read, and be read to on a daily basis with opportunities for cross-curricular content and student choice.
  - (3) Text complexity increases with challenging vocabulary, sophisticated sentence structures, nuanced text features, cognitively demanding content, and subtle relationships among ideas (Texas Education Agency, *STAAR Performance Level Descriptors*, 2013). As skills and knowledge are obtained in each of the seven strands, students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth to increasingly complex texts in multiple genres as they become self-directed, critical learners who work collaboratively while continuously using metacognitive skills.

- (4) Research consistently shows that language and literacy development in the student's native language not only facilitates learning English and English literacy, but is foundational to cognitive development and learning (Cummins, 2001; Thomas & Collier, 2002; Coelho, 2001). Emergent bilinguals (Sparrow et al., 2014; Slavin & Cheving, 2013) are students who are in the process of acquiring two or more linguistic codes, becoming bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural. Emergent bilinguals are often defined by their perceived deficits (semilinguals) (Escamilla, 2012). However, research has shown that bilinguals develop a unique interdependent system (Escamilla et al. 2007; Grosjean, 1989; Valdes and Figueroa, 1994) in which languages interconnect to increase linguistic functionality. This linguistic interdependence of language acquisition facilitates a transfer of literacy skills from the primary language (L1) to the second language (L2) (August & Shanahan, 2006; Bialystok, 2007; Miramontes, et al., 1997). The strength of learning through formal instruction in Spanish determines the extent of transfer to English (August, Calderon, & Carlo, 2002; Slavin & Calderon, 2001; Garcia, 2001). For transfer to be maximized, cross-linguistic connections between the two languages must be explicitly taught while students engage in a contrastive analysis of the Spanish and English languages (Cummins, 2007). Continued strong literacy development in Spanish provides the foundation and scaffold for literacy development given that a Common Underlying Proficiency (CUP) exists between the two languages (Cummins, 1991). Consequently, direct and systematic instruction (Genesee et al., 2005) in the appropriate sequence of Spanish skills with early English as a second language-based literacy instruction is critical to student success. As a result of working within two language systems, students' metalinguistic and metacognitive skills are enhanced when they learn about the similarities and differences between languages (Escamilla et. al., 2014). The extent to which English and Spanish are used is reliant on the type of bilingual program model being used (see Texas Education Code, §29.066).
- (5) English language learners (ELLs) are expected to meet standards in a second language, and their proficiency in English directly impacts their ability to meet these standards. The comprehension of text throughout the stages of English language acquisition requires scaffolds such as adapted text, translations, native language support, cognates, summaries, pictures, realia, glossaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, and other modes of comprehensible input. Strategic use of the student's first language is important to ensure linguistic, affective, cognitive, and academic development in English. ELLs can and should be encouraged to use knowledge of their first language to enhance vocabulary development; vocabulary needs to be in the context of connected oral and written discourse so that it is meaningful.
- (6) Current research stresses the importance of effectively integrating second language acquisition with quality content area education in order to ensure that ELLs acquire social and academic language proficiency in English, learn the knowledge and skills, and reach their full academic potential. Instruction must be linguistically accommodated in accordance with the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and the student's English language proficiency level to ensure the mastery of knowledge and skills in the required curriculum is accessible. For a further understanding of second language acquisition needs, refer to the ELPS and proficiency-level descriptors adopted in Chapter 74, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Required Curriculum).
- (7) Oral language proficiency holds a pivotal role in school success; verbal engagement must be maximized across grade levels (Kinsella, 2010). In order for students to become thinkers and proficient speakers in science, social studies, mathematics, fine arts, language arts and reading, and career and technical education, they must have multiple opportunities to practice and apply the academic language of each discipline (Fisher, Frey, & Rothenberg, 2008).
- (8) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
- (b) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:



- (A) listen actively to interpret a message, ask clarifying questions, and respond appropriately;
  - (B) follow and give oral instructions that include multiple action steps;
  - (C) give an organized presentation with a specific stance and position, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively; and
  - (D) participate in student-led discussions by eliciting and considering suggestions from other group members, taking notes, and identifying points of agreement and disagreement.
- (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by:
    - (i) differentiating between commonly confused terms such as porque, porqué, por qué, and por que; asimismo (adverbio) and así mismo (de la misma manera); sino and si no; and también and tan bien;
    - (ii) decoding palabras agudas, graves, esdrújulas, and sobresdrújulas (words with the stress on the antepenultimate, penultimate, and ultimate/last syllable and words with the stress on the syllable before the antepenultimate);
    - (iii) decoding words with hiatus and diphthongs; and
    - (iv) using knowledge of syllable division patterns and morphemes to decode multisyllabic words;
  - (B) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by:
    - (i) spelling palabras agudas, graves, esdrújulas, and sobresdrújulas (words with the stress on the antepenultimate, penultimate, and ultimate/last syllable and words with the stress on the syllable before the antepenultimate);
    - (ii) marking accents appropriately when conjugating verbs in simple and imperfect past, perfect conditional, and future tenses; and
    - (iii) spelling words with diphthongs and hiatus; and
  - (C) write legibly in cursive.
- (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:
- (A) use print or digital resources to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech;
  - (B) use context such as definition, analogy, and examples to clarify the meaning of words;
  - (C) determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic Spanish words derived from Greek and Latin roots, including metro-, grafo-, scrib-, and port-;
  - (D) differentiate between and use homographs, homophones, and commonly confused terms such as porque, porqué, por qué, and por que; sino and si no; and también and tan bien; and
  - (E) complete analogies that describe part to whole or whole to part.
- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to adjust fluency when reading grade-level text based on the reading purpose.

- (5) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.
- (6) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. The student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected text;
  - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;
  - (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;
  - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding;
  - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
  - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
  - (G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
  - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and
  - (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.
- (7) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;
  - (B) write a response with accurate text evidence to compare sources within and across genres;
  - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate;
  - (G) discuss and write about the explicit or implicit meanings of text;
  - (H) respond orally or in writing with appropriate register, vocabulary, tone, and voice; and
  - (I) reflect on and adjust responses as new evidence is presented.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) infer multiple themes within and across texts using text evidence;
  - (B) analyze how the characters' internal and external responses develop the plot;
  - (C) analyze plot elements, including rising action, climax, falling action, resolution, and non-linear elements such as flashback; and
  - (D) compare and contrast historical and cultural settings across texts.
- (9) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across

increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:

- (A) demonstrate knowledge of literary genres such as realistic fiction, adventure stories, historical fiction, mysteries, humor, and myths;
- (B) analyze the effect of meter and structural elements such as line breaks in poems across a variety of poetic forms
- (C) identify the elements of a play, including acts, scenes, stage directions, and scripted dialogue;
- (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
  - (i) the controlling idea or thesis;
  - (ii) features such as introduction, foreword, preface, references, or acknowledgements to gain background information of the text; and
  - (iii) organizational patterns such as definition, classification, advantage, and disadvantage; and
- (E) recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by:
  - (i) identifying the claim;
  - (ii) explaining how the author uses various types of evidence to support the argument; and
  - (iii) identifying the intended audience or reader.

(10) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:

- (A) explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
- (B) analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
- (C) analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
- (D) describe how the author's use of figurative language such as metaphor and personification achieves specific purposes;
- (E) identify the use of literary devices, including omniscient and limited point of view, to achieve a specific purpose;
- (F) analyze how the author's use of language contributes to mood and voice; and
- (G) identify and explain the differences between the use of hyperbole and sarcasm in texts.

(11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:

- (A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre appropriate for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as discussion, background reading, and personal interests;
- (B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by:
  - (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, paragraph-to-paragraph coherence, and a conclusion; and
  - (ii) developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific facts and details;

- (C) revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety;
  - (D) edit drafts using standard Spanish conventions, including:
    - (i) complete complex sentences with subject-verb agreement;
    - (ii) consistent verb tenses;
    - (iii) conjunctive adverbs;
    - (iv) prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement;
    - (v) indefinite pronouns;
    - (vi) subordinating conjunctions to form complex sentences;
    - (vii) capitalization of proper nouns, including abbreviations, initials, acronyms, and organizations;
    - (viii) commas in compound and complex sentences and after transitions, introductory words, and phrases;
    - (ix) correct punctuation of dialogue;
    - (x) proper mechanics for referencing titles of books; and
    - (xi) correct spelling, including commonly confused terms; and
  - (E) publish written work for appropriate audiences.
- (12) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
- (A) compose literary texts such as personal narratives, fiction, and poetry using genre characteristics and craft;
  - (B) compose informational texts, including multi-paragraph essays that convey information about a topic, using a clear controlling idea or thesis statement, genre characteristics, and craft;
  - (C) compose multi-paragraph argumentative texts; and
  - (D) compose correspondence that reflects an opinion, registers a complaint, or requests information in a business or friendly structure.
- (13) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
- (A) generate student-selected and teacher-guided questions for formal and informal inquiry;
  - (B) develop and revise a plan;
  - (C) refine the major research question, if necessary, guided by the answers to a secondary set of questions;
  - (D) identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources;
  - (E) differentiate between primary and secondary sources;
  - (F) differentiate between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials;
  - (G) examine sources for:
    - (i) reliability;

- (ii) credibility and bias; and
- (iii) faulty reasoning such as hyperbole, emotional appeals, and stereotype;
- (H) synthesize information from a variety of sources;
- (I) display academic citations and use source materials ethically; and
- (J) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multi-modal, to present results.

**§128.22. English Learners Language Arts (ELLA), Grade 7, Adopted 2017.**

**(a) General requirements.**

- (1) The essential knowledge and skills as well as the student expectations for English Learners Language Arts (ELLA), Grade 7 are described in §74.4 of this title (relating to English Language Proficiency Standards) as well as subsection (b) of this section and are aligned to the knowledge and skills and student expectations in Chapter 110 of this title (relating to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading) with additional expectations for English language learners (ELLs).
- (2) English Learners Language Arts (ELLA), Grade 7 may be substituted for English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 7. All expectations apply to English Learners Language Arts (ELLA), Grade 7 students; however, it is imperative to recognize critical processes and features of second language acquisition and to provide appropriate instruction to enable students to meet these standards.

**(b) Introduction.**

- (1) The ELLA Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on academic oracy (proficiency in oral expression and comprehension), authentic reading, and reflective writing to ensure a literate Texas. They are integrated and progressive with students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity and nuance in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.
- (2) The seven strands of this course mirror the essential knowledge and skills for English language arts and reading, which are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes and are recursive in nature. Strands include the four domains of language (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and their application in order to accelerate the acquisition of language skills so that students develop high levels of social and academic language proficiency. Although some strands may require more instructional time, each strand is of equal value, may be presented in any order, and should be integrated throughout the year. It is important to note that encoding (spelling) and decoding (reading) are reciprocal skills. Decoding is internalized when tactile and kinesthetic opportunities (encoding) are provided. Additionally, students should engage in academic conversations, write, read, and be read to on a daily basis with opportunities for cross-curricular content and student choice.
- (3) Text complexity increases with challenging vocabulary, sophisticated sentence structures, nuanced text features, cognitively demanding content, and subtle relationships among ideas (Texas Education Agency, *STAAR Performance Level Descriptors*, 2013). As skills and knowledge are obtained in each of the seven strands, students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth to increasingly complex texts in multiple genres as they become self-directed, critical learners who work collaboratively while continuously using metacognitive skills.
- (4) ELLs are expected to meet standards in a second language; however, their proficiency in English influences the ability to meet these standards. To demonstrate this knowledge throughout the stages of English language acquisition, comprehension of text requires additional scaffolds such as adapted text, translations, native language support, cognates, summaries, pictures, realia,

glossaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, and other modes of comprehensible input. ELLs can and should be encouraged to use knowledge of their first language to enhance vocabulary development; vocabulary needs to be in the context of connected discourse so that it is meaningful. Strategic use of the student's first language is important to ensure linguistic, affective, cognitive, and academic development in English.

- (5) Current research stresses the importance of effectively integrating second language acquisition with quality content area education in order to ensure that ELLs acquire social and academic language proficiency in English, learn the knowledge and skills, and reach their full academic potential. Instruction must be linguistically accommodated in accordance with the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and the student's English language proficiency levels to ensure the mastery of knowledge and skills in the required curriculum is accessible. For a further understanding of second language acquisition needs, refer to the ELPS and proficiency-level descriptors adopted in Chapter 74, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Required Curriculum).
- (6) Oral language proficiency holds a pivotal role in school success; verbal engagement must be maximized across grade levels (Kinsella, 2010). In order for students to become thinkers and proficient speakers in science, social studies, mathematics, fine arts, language arts and reading, and career and technical education, they must have multiple opportunities to practice and apply the academic language of each discipline (Fisher, Frey, & Rothenberg, 2008).
- (7) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
  - (A) listen actively to interpret a message and ask clarifying questions that build on others' ideas;
  - (B) follow, restate, and give increasingly complex oral instructions to perform specific tasks, answer questions, or solve problems;
  - (C) present a critique of a literary work, film, or dramatic production, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, a variety of natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively;
  - (D) develop social communication and produce oral language in contextualized and purposeful ways; and
  - (E) engage in meaningful discourse and provide and accept constructive feedback from others.
- (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
  - (A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge; and
  - (B) write complete words, thoughts, and answers legibly.
- (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
  - (A) use print or digital resources, including dictionaries, thesauri, or glossaries, to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech;
  - (B) use context such as contrast or cause and effect to clarify the meaning of words;

- (C) identify and use words that name actions, directions, positions, sequences, and locations;
  - (D) use and determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived from Greek, Latin, and other languages, including omni, log/logue, gen, vid/vis, phil, luc, and sens/sent; un-, re-, -ly, and -er/or; and -ion/tion/sion, im- (into), non-, dis-, in- (not, non), pre-, -ness, -y, -er (comparative), -est, and -ful;
  - (E) use multiple-meaning words, homographs, homophones, and commonly confused terms correctly; and
  - (F) investigate expressions such as idioms and word relationships such as antonyms, synonyms, and analogies.
- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to adjust fluency when reading grade-level text based on the reading purpose and use appropriate rate, accuracy, and prosody when reading grade-level text.
- (5) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.
- (6) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;
  - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;
  - (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;
  - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding;
  - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
  - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
  - (G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
  - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and
  - (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.
- (7) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;
  - (B) write a response with accurate text evidence to compare sources within and across genres;
  - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate;

- (G) discuss and write about the explicit or implicit meanings of text;
  - (H) respond orally or in writing with appropriate register, vocabulary, tone, and voice; and
  - (I) reflect on and adjust responses as new evidence is presented.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
- (A) infer multiple themes within and across texts using text evidence;
  - (B) analyze how characters' qualities influence events and resolution of the conflict;
  - (C) analyze plot elements, including the use of foreshadowing and suspense to advance the plot; and
  - (D) analyze how the setting influences character and plot development.
- (9) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate knowledge of literary genres such as realistic fiction, adventure stories, historical fiction, mysteries, humor, myths, fantasy, and science fiction;
  - (B) analyze the effect of rhyme scheme, meter, and graphical elements such as punctuation and capitalization in poems across a variety of poetic forms;
  - (C) describe how playwright(s) develop characters through the dialogue and staging of their plays;
  - (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
    - (i) the controlling idea or thesis;
    - (ii) graphic and text features such as chapters, sections, subsections, bibliography, tables, graphs, captions, bullets, and numbers; and
    - (iii) organizational patterns that support multiple topics, categories, and subcategories;
  - (E) explain how informational text is designed to organize and convey ideas; and
  - (F) recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by:
    - (i) identifying the claim;
    - (ii) analyzing the evidence presented;
    - (iii) explaining how the author uses various types of evidence and consideration of alternatives to support the argument; and
    - (iv) identifying the intended audience or reader.
- (10) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
- (A) explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
  - (B) analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
  - (C) analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;



- (D) describe how the author's use of figurative language such as metaphor and personification achieves specific purposes;
  - (E) identify the use of literary devices, including subjective and objective point of view;
  - (F) analyze how the author's use of language contributes to mood, voice, and tone; and
  - (G) identify and explain loaded language, strawmen, and ad hominem arguments.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
- (A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre appropriate for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as discussion, background reading, and personal interests;
  - (B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by:
    - (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, paragraph-to-paragraph coherence, and a conclusion; and
    - (ii) developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific facts, details, and examples;
  - (C) revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety;
  - (D) edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
    - (i) complete simple, compound, and complex sentences with subject-verb agreement;
    - (ii) consistent verb tenses;
    - (iii) conjunctive adverbs;
    - (iv) prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement;
    - (v) relative pronouns;
    - (vi) subordinating conjunctions such as since, while, and until to form complex sentences;
    - (vii) correct capitalization;
    - (viii) commas in compound and complex sentences and after transitions, introductory words, and phrases;
    - (ix) semicolons when appropriate;
    - (x) correct punctuation of dialogue and citation(s); and
    - (xi) correct spelling; and
  - (E) publish written work for appropriate audiences.
- (12) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
- (A) compose literary texts such as personal narratives, fiction, and poetry using genre characteristics and craft;

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    - (i) reliability;
    - (ii) credibility and bias; and
    - (iii) faulty reasoning such as hyperbole, emotional appeals, and stereotype;
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  - (J) incorporate digital technology when appropriate; and
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**§128.23. English Learners Language Arts (ELLA), Grade 8, Adopted 2017.**

(a) General requirements.

- (1) The essential knowledge and skills as well as the student expectations for English Learners Language Arts (ELLA), Grade 8 are described in §74.4 of this title (relating to English Language Proficiency Standards) as well as subsection (b) of this section and are aligned to the knowledge and skills and student expectations in Chapter 110 of this title (relating to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading) with additional expectations for English language learners (ELLs).
- (2) English Learners Language Arts (ELLA), Grade 8 may be substituted for English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 8. All expectations apply to English Learners Language Arts (ELLA), Grade 8 students; however, it is imperative to recognize critical processes and features of second language acquisition and to provide appropriate instruction to enable students to meet these standards.

(b) Introduction.

- (1) The ELLA Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on academic oracy (proficiency in oral

expression and comprehension), authentic reading, and reflective writing to ensure a literate Texas. They are integrated and progressive with students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity and nuance in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.

- (2) The seven strands of this course mirror the essential knowledge and skills for English language arts and reading, which are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes and are recursive in nature. Strands include the four domains of language (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and their application in order to accelerate the acquisition of language skills so that students develop high levels of social and academic language proficiency. Although some strands may require more instructional time, each strand is of equal value, may be presented in any order, and should be integrated throughout the year. It is important to note that encoding (spelling) and decoding (reading) are reciprocal skills. Decoding is internalized when tactile and kinesthetic opportunities (encoding) are provided. Additionally, students should engage in academic conversations, write, read, and be read to on a daily basis with opportunities for cross-curricular content and student choice.
  - (3) Text complexity increases with challenging vocabulary, sophisticated sentence structures, nuanced text features, cognitively demanding content, and subtle relationships among ideas (Texas Education Agency, *STAAR Performance Level Descriptors*, 2013). As skills and knowledge are obtained in each of the seven strands, students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth to increasingly complex texts in multiple genres as they become self-directed, critical learners who work collaboratively while continuously using metacognitive skills.
  - (4) ELLs are expected to meet standards in a second language; however, their proficiency in English influences the ability to meet these standards. To demonstrate this knowledge throughout the stages of English language acquisition, comprehension of text requires additional scaffolds such as adapted text, translations, native language support, cognates, summaries, pictures, realia, glossaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, and other modes of comprehensible input. ELLs can and should be encouraged to use knowledge of their first language to enhance vocabulary development; vocabulary needs to be in the context of connected discourse so that it is meaningful. Strategic use of the student's first language is important to ensure linguistic, affective, cognitive, and academic development in English.
  - (5) Current research stresses the importance of effectively integrating second language acquisition with quality content area education in order to ensure that ELLs acquire social and academic language proficiency in English, learn the knowledge and skills, and reach their full academic potential. Instruction must be linguistically accommodated in accordance with the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and the student's English language proficiency levels to ensure the mastery of knowledge and skills in the required curriculum is accessible. For a further understanding of second language acquisition needs, refer to the ELPS and proficiency-level descriptors adopted in Chapter 74, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Required Curriculum).
  - (6) Oral language proficiency holds a pivotal role in school success; verbal engagement must be maximized across grade levels (Kinsella, 2010). In order for students to become thinkers and proficient speakers in science, social studies, mathematics, fine arts, language arts and reading, and career and technical education, they must have multiple opportunities to practice and apply the academic language of each discipline (Fisher, Frey, & Rothenberg, 2008).
  - (7) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
- (c) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, and discussion--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
    - (A) listen actively to interpret a message by summarizing, asking questions, and making comments;

- (B) follow, restate, and give complex oral instructions to perform specific tasks, answer questions, or solve problems;
  - (C) give an organized presentation with a specific point of view;
  - (D) advocate a position using anecdotes, analogies, and/or illustrations employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, a variety of natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively;
  - (E) develop social communication and produce oral language in contextualized and purposeful ways; and
  - (F) participate collaboratively in discussions, plan agendas with clear goals and deadlines, set time limits for speakers, take notes, and vote on key issues.
- (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge; and
  - (B) write complete words, thoughts, and answers legibly.
- (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
- (A) use print or digital resources, including dictionaries, thesauri, or glossaries, to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech;
  - (B) use context within or beyond a paragraph to clarify the meaning of unfamiliar or ambiguous words;
  - (C) identify and use words that name actions, directions, positions, sequences, and locations;
  - (D) use and determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived from Greek, Latin, and other languages, including ast, qui, path, mand/mend, and duc; auto, bio, graph, meter, phon, port, and tele; and terr, chrono, audi, geo, dict, photo, and ject;
  - (E) use multiple-meaning words, homographs, homophones, and commonly confused terms correctly; and
  - (F) investigate expressions such as idioms and word relationships such as antonyms, synonyms, and analogies.
- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to adjust fluency when reading grade-level text based on the reading purpose.
- (5) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.
- (6) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;
  - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;

- (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;
  - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding;
  - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
  - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
  - (G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
  - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and
  - (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.
- (7) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;
  - (B) write a response with accurate and relevant text evidence and commentary to compare texts within and across genres;
  - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
  - (D) paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
  - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;
  - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate;
  - (G) discuss and write about the explicit or implicit meanings of text;
  - (H) respond orally or in writing with appropriate register, vocabulary, tone, and voice;
  - (I) reflect on and adjust responses as new evidence is presented; and
  - (J) defend or challenge authors' claims using relevant text evidence.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
- (A) analyze relationships among thematic development, characterization, point of view, setting, and plot in a variety of literary texts;
  - (B) analyze how characters' motivations and behaviors influence events and resolution of the conflict;
  - (C) analyze non-linear plot development such as flashbacks, foreshadowing, subplots, and parallel plot structures and compare it to linear plot development; and
  - (D) explain how the setting influences the values and beliefs of characters.
- (9) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate knowledge of literary genres such as realistic fiction, adventure stories, historical fiction, mysteries, humor, fantasy, science fiction, and short stories;
  - (B) identify structural elements such as rhyme, repetition, and alliteration and analyze how language contributes to the meaning of a poem;

- (C) analyze the effect of graphical elements such as punctuation and line length in poems across a variety of poetic forms such as epic, lyric, and humorous poetry;
  - (D) describe how playwright(s) develop dramatic action through the use of acts and scenes;
  - (E) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
    - (i) the controlling idea or thesis;
    - (ii) footnotes, endnotes, and citations; and
    - (iii) multiple organizational patterns within a text to develop the thesis;
  - (F) explain how informational text is designed to organize and convey ideas; and
  - (G) recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by:
    - (i) identifying the claim and analyzing the argument;
    - (ii) identifying and explaining the counter argument; and
    - (iii) identifying the intended audience or reader.
- (10) Author's craft: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
- (A) explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
  - (B) analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
  - (C) analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
  - (D) describe how the author's use of figurative language such as extended metaphor achieves specific purposes;
  - (E) identify and analyze the use of literary devices, including multiple points of view and irony;
  - (F) analyze how the author's use of language contributes to the mood, voice, and tone; and
  - (G) identify and explain the use of rhetorical questions, bandwagon appeals, and sweeping generalizations.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and use appropriate conventions. Based on the student's language proficiency level, the student is expected to:
- (A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre appropriate for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as discussion, background reading, and personal interests;
  - (B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by:
    - (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, paragraph-to-paragraph coherence, and a conclusion; and
    - (ii) developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific facts, details, and examples;
  - (C) revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety;
  - (D) edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:

- (i) complete simple, compound, and complex sentences;
  - (ii) consistent verb tenses;
  - (iii) conjunctive adverbs;
  - (iv) prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement;
  - (v) relative pronouns;
  - (vi) subordinating conjunctions to form complex sentences;
  - (vii) correct capitalization;
  - (viii) commas in nonrestrictive phrases and clauses;
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