

ELAR, Grade K (IMRA)

Subject: English Language Arts and Reading

Grade: KG

Expectations: 56

Breakouts: 175

(a) Introduction.

1. The English language arts and reading Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking through the seven integrated strands of developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's purpose and 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 Statements

- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, discussion, and thinking--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 and answer questions using multi-word responses;
 - (i) listen actively
 - (ii) ask questions to understand information
 - (iii) answer questions using multi-word responses
- (B) restate and follow oral directions that involve a short, related sequence of actions;
 - (i) restate oral directions that involve a short, related sequence of actions
 - (ii) 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;
 - (i) share information by speaking audibly using the conventions of language
 - (ii) share ideas by speaking audibly using the conventions of language
 - (iii) share information by speaking clearly using the conventions of language
 - (iv) share ideas by speaking clearly using the conventions of language
- (D) work collaboratively with others by following agreed-upon rules for discussion, including taking turns; and
 - (i) work collaboratively with others by following agreed-upon rules for discussion, including taking turns
- (E) develop social communication such as introducing himself/herself, using common greetings, and expressing needs and wants.
 - (i) develop social communication

- (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--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
 - (i) demonstrate phonological awareness by identifying rhyming words
 - (ii) demonstrate phonological awareness by producing rhyming words
 - (iii) demonstrate phonological awareness by recognizing spoken alliteration or groups of words that begin with the same spoken onset or initial sound

- (iv) demonstrate phonological awareness by identifying the individual words in a spoken sentence
 - (v) demonstrate phonological awareness by identifying syllables in spoken words
 - (vi) demonstrate phonological awareness by blending syllables to form multisyllabic words
 - (vii) demonstrate phonological awareness by segmenting multisyllabic words into syllables
 - (viii) demonstrate phonological awareness by blending spoken onsets and rimes to form simple words
 - (ix) demonstrate phonological awareness by blending spoken phonemes to form one-syllable words
 - (x) demonstrate phonological awareness by manipulating syllables within a multisyllabic word
 - (xi) demonstrate phonological awareness by 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
- (i) demonstrate phonetic knowledge by identifying the common sounds that letters represent
 - (ii) demonstrate phonetic knowledge by matching the common sounds that letters represent
 - (iii) apply phonetic knowledge by identifying the common sounds that letters represent
 - (iv) apply phonetic knowledge by matching the common sounds that letters represent
 - (v) demonstrate phonetic knowledge by using letter-sound relationships to decode, including VC words
 - (vi) demonstrate phonetic knowledge by using letter-sound relationships to decode, including CVC words
 - (vii) demonstrate phonetic knowledge by using letter-sound relationships to decode, including CCVC words
 - (viii) demonstrate phonetic knowledge by using letter-sound relationships to decode, including CVCC words
 - (ix) apply phonetic knowledge by using letter-sound relationships to decode, including VC words
 - (x) apply phonetic knowledge by using letter-sound relationships to decode, including CVC words
 - (xi) apply phonetic knowledge by using letter-sound relationships to decode, including CCVC words
 - (xii) apply phonetic knowledge by using letter-sound relationships to decode, including CVCC words
 - (xiii) demonstrate phonetic knowledge by recognizing that new words are created when letters are changed, added, or deleted
 - (xiv) apply phonetic knowledge by recognizing that new words are created when letters are changed, added, or deleted
 - (xv) demonstrate phonetic knowledge by identifying at least 25 high-frequency words from a research-based list
 - (xvi) demonstrate phonetic knowledge by reading at least 25 high-frequency words from a research-based list
 - (xvii) apply phonetic knowledge by identifying at least 25 high-frequency words from a research-based list
 - (xviii) apply phonetic knowledge by 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
- (i) demonstrate spelling knowledge by spelling words with VC

- (ii) demonstrate spelling knowledge by spelling words with CVC
- (iii) demonstrate spelling knowledge by spelling words with CCVC
- (iv) apply spelling knowledge by spelling words with VC
- (v) apply spelling knowledge by spelling words with CVC
- (vi) apply spelling knowledge by spelling words with CCVC
- (vii) demonstrate spelling knowledge by spelling words using sound-spelling patterns
- (viii) apply spelling knowledge by spelling words using sound-spelling patterns
- (ix) demonstrate spelling knowledge by spelling high-frequency words from a research-based list
- (x) apply spelling knowledge by 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

- (i) demonstrate print awareness by identifying the front cover of a book
- (ii) demonstrate print awareness by identifying the back cover of a book
- (iii) demonstrate print awareness by identifying the title page of a book
- (iv) demonstrate print awareness by holding a book right side up
- (v) demonstrate print awareness by turning pages correctly
- (vi) demonstrate print awareness by knowing that reading moves from top to bottom
- (vii) demonstrate print awareness by knowing that reading moves from left to right with return sweep
- (viii) demonstrate print awareness by recognizing that sentences are comprised of words separated by spaces
- (ix) demonstrate print awareness by recognizing word boundaries
- (x) demonstrate print awareness by recognizing the difference between a letter and a printed word
- (xi) demonstrate print awareness by identifying all uppercase letters
- (xii) demonstrate print awareness by identifying all lowercase letters

(E) develop handwriting by accurately forming all uppercase and lowercase letters using appropriate directionality.

- (i) develop handwriting by accurately forming all uppercase letters using appropriate directionality
- (ii) develop handwriting by accurately forming all lowercase letters using appropriate directionality

(3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--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;

- (i) use a resource to find words

(B) use illustrations and texts the student is able to read or hear to learn or clarify word meanings; and

- (i) use illustrations to learn or clarify word meanings

- (ii) use 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 such as colors, shapes, and textures; and locations.
- (i) identify words that name actions
 - (ii) identify words that name directions
 - (iii) identify words that name positions
 - (iv) identify words that name sequences
 - (v) identify words that name categories
 - (vi) identify words that name locations
 - (vii) use words that name actions
 - (viii) use words that name directions
 - (ix) use words that name positions
 - (x) use words that name sequences
 - (xi) use words that name categories
 - (xii) use words that name locations
- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--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.
- (A) self-select text and interact independently with text for increasing periods of time
 - (i) self-select text
 - (ii) interact independently with text for increasing periods of time
- (5) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts with adult assistance;
 - (i) establish purpose for reading assigned texts with adult assistance
 - (ii) establish purpose for reading 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;
 - (i) generate questions about text before reading to deepen understanding with adult assistance
 - (ii) generate questions about text before reading to gain information with adult assistance
 - (iii) generate questions about text during reading to deepen understanding with adult assistance
 - (iv) generate questions about text during reading to gain information with adult assistance
 - (v) generate questions about text after reading to deepen understanding with adult assistance
 - (vi) generate questions about text after reading to gain information with adult assistance
 - (C) make and confirm predictions using text features and structures with adult assistance;

- (i) make predictions using text features with adult assistance
 - (ii) make predictions using text structures with adult assistance
 - (iii) confirm predictions using text features with adult assistance
 - (iv) confirm predictions using text structures with adult assistance
- (D) create mental images to deepen understanding with adult assistance;
- (i) create mental images to deepen understanding with adult assistance
- (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society with adult assistance;
- (i) make connections to personal experiences with adult assistance
 - (ii) make connections to ideas in other texts with adult assistance
 - (iii) make connections to society with adult assistance
- (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding with adult assistance;
- (i) make inferences with adult assistance
 - (ii) use evidence to support understanding with adult assistance
- (G) evaluate details to determine what is most important with adult assistance;
- (i) evaluate details to determine what is most important with adult assistance
- (H) synthesize information to create new understanding with adult assistance; and
- (i) synthesize information to create new understanding with adult assistance
- (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.
- (i) monitor comprehension with adult assistance
 - (ii) make adjustments when understanding breaks down with adult assistance
- (6) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking 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;
 - (i) describe personal connections to a variety of sources
 - (B) provide an oral, pictorial, or written response to a text;
 - (i) provide an oral, pictorial, or written response to a text
 - (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
 - (i) use text evidence to support an appropriate response
 - (D) retell texts in ways that maintain meaning;
 - (i) retell texts in ways that maintain meaning
 - (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as illustrating or writing; and
 - (i) interact with sources in meaningful ways
 - (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate.

- (i) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate
- (7) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking 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;
 - (i) discuss topics with adult assistance
 - (ii) determine the basic theme using text evidence with adult assistance
 - (B) identify and describe the main character(s);
 - (i) identify the main character(s)
 - (ii) 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
 - (i) describe the elements of plot development, including the main events, for texts read aloud with adult assistance
 - (ii) describe the elements of plot development, including the problem, for texts read aloud with adult assistance
 - (iii) describe the elements of plot development, including the resolution, for texts read aloud with adult assistance
 - (D) describe the setting.
 - (i) describe the setting
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking 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 distinguishing characteristics of well-known children's literature such as folktales, fables, fairy tales, and nursery rhymes;
 - (i) demonstrate knowledge of distinguishing characteristics of well-known children's literature
 - (B) discuss rhyme and rhythm in nursery rhymes and a variety of poems;
 - (i) discuss rhyme in nursery rhymes
 - (ii) discuss rhyme in a variety of poems
 - (iii) discuss rhythm in nursery rhymes
 - (iv) discuss rhythm in a variety of poems
 - (C) discuss main characters in drama;
 - (i) discuss main characters in drama
 - (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including: i. the central idea and supporting evidence with adult assistance; ii. titles and simple graphics to gain information; and iii. the steps in a sequence with adult assistance;
 - (i) recognize characteristics of informational text, including the central idea with adult assistance

- (ii) recognize structures of informational text, including the central idea with adult assistance
 - (iii) recognize characteristics of informational text, including supporting evidence, with adult assistance
 - (iv) recognize structures of informational text, including supporting evidence, with adult assistance
 - (v) recognize characteristics of informational text, including titles to gain information
 - (vi) recognize characteristics of informational text, including simple graphics to gain information
 - (vii) recognize structures of informational text, including titles to gain information
 - (viii) recognize structures of informational text, including simple graphics to gain information
 - (ix) recognize characteristics of informational text, including the steps in a sequence with adult assistance
 - (x) recognize structures of informational text, including the steps in a sequence with adult assistance
- (E) recognize characteristics of persuasive text with adult assistance and state what the author is trying to persuade the reader to think or do; and
- (i) recognize characteristics of persuasive text with adult assistance
 - (ii) state what the author is trying to persuade the reader to think or do
- (F) recognize characteristics of multimodal and digital texts.
- (i) recognize characteristics of multimodal texts
 - (ii) recognize characteristics of digital texts
- (9) Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking 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;
 - (i) 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;
 - (i) 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;
 - (i) discuss with adult assistance the author's use of print features to achieve specific purposes
 - (ii) discuss with adult assistance the author's use of graphic features to achieve specific purposes
 - (D) discuss with adult assistance how the author uses words that help the reader visualize; and
 - (i) discuss with adult assistance how the author uses words that help the reader visualize
 - (E) listen to and experience first- and third-person texts.
 - (i) listen to first-person texts
 - (ii) listen to third-person texts
 - (iii) experience first-person texts
 - (iv) experience third-person texts

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

- (A) plan by generating ideas for writing through class discussions and drawings;
 - (i) plan by generating ideas for writing through class discussions
 - (ii) plan by generating ideas for writing through class drawings
- (B) develop drafts in oral, pictorial, or written form by organizing ideas;
 - (i) develop drafts in oral, pictorial, or written form by organizing ideas
- (C) revise drafts by adding details in pictures or words;
 - (i) 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. adjectives, including articles; v. prepositions; vi. pronouns, including subjective, objective, and possessive cases; vii. capitalization of the first letter in a sentence and name; viii. punctuation marks at the end of declarative sentences; and ix. correct spelling of words with grade-appropriate orthographic patterns and rules and high-frequency words; and
 - (i) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard English conventions, including complete sentences
 - (ii) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard English conventions, including verbs
 - (iii) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard English conventions, including singular nouns
 - (iv) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard English conventions, including plural nouns
 - (v) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard English conventions, including adjectives, including articles
 - (vi) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard English conventions, including prepositions
 - (vii) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard English conventions, including pronouns, including subjective [case]
 - (viii) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard English conventions, including pronouns, including objective [case]
 - (ix) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard English conventions, including pronouns, including possessive [case]
 - (x) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard English conventions, including capitalization of the first letter in a sentence
 - (xi) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard English conventions, including capitalization of the first letter in a name
 - (xii) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard English conventions, including punctuation marks at the end of declarative sentences
 - (xiii) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard English conventions, including correct spelling of words with grade-appropriate orthographic patterns
 - (xiv) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard English conventions, including correct spelling of words with grade-appropriate rules

(xv) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard English conventions, including correct spelling of words with grade-appropriate high-frequency words

(E) share writing.

(i) share writing

(11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking 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

(i) dictate or compose literary texts, including personal narratives

(B) dictate or compose informational texts.

(i) dictate or compose informational texts

(12) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking 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;

(i) generate questions for formal inquiry with adult assistance

(ii) generate questions for informal inquiry with adult assistance

(B) develop and follow a research plan with adult assistance;

(i) develop a research plan with adult assistance

(ii) follow a research plan with adult assistance

(C) gather information from a variety of sources with adult assistance;

(i) gather information from a variety of sources with adult assistance

(D) demonstrate understanding of information gathered with adult assistance; and

(i) demonstrate understanding of information gathered with adult assistance

(E) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multimodal, to present results.

(i) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multimodal, to present results