English Language Arts and Reading | 4th Grade

- 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, ask relevant questions to clarify information, and make pertinent comments;
 - follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a series of related sequences of action;
 - 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.
- 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 and apply phonetic knowledge by:
 - 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 patterns such as VV;
 - iv. decoding words using knowledge of prefixes;
 - v. decoding words using knowledge of suffixes, including how they can change base words 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:
 - 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 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 using knowledge of suffixes, including how they can change base words such as dropping e, changing y to i, and doubling final consonants; and
- C. write legibly in cursive to complete assignments.
- 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 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 and use words with affixes such as mis-, sub-, -ment, and -ity/ty and roots such as auto, graph, and meter; and
 - D. identify, use, and explain the meaning of homophones such as reign/rain.
- 4. Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--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.
- 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 selfselect text and read independently for a sustained period of time.
- 6. 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;
- 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.
- 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, including self-selected texts;
 - B. write responses that demonstrate understanding of texts, including comparing and contrasting 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, 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. 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.
- 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, legends, myths, and tall tales;
 - explain figurative language such as simile, metaphor, and personification that the poet uses to create images;
 - C. explain structure in drama such as character tags, acts, scenes, and stage directions;
 - D. recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
 - the central idea with supporting evidence;
 - ii. features such as pronunciation guides and diagrams to support understanding; and
 - iii. organizational patterns such as compare and contrast;
 - E. recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by:
 - i. identifying the claim;
 - . explaining how the author has used facts for an argument; and
 - iii. identifying the intended audience or reader; and
 - F. recognize characteristics of multimodal and digital texts.
- 10. 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. 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;
- 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 and explain the use of anecdote.
- 11. 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 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:
 - 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:
 - complete simple and compound sentences with subject-verb agreement and avoidance of splices, run-ons, and fragments;
 - ii. past tense of irregular verbs;
 - iii. singular, plural, common, and proper nouns;
 - iv. adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms;
 - v. adverbs that convey frequency and adverbs that convey degree;
 - vi. prepositions and prepositional phrases;
 - vii. pronouns, including reflexive;
 - viii. coordinating conjunctions to form compound subjects, predicates, and sentences;
 - ix. capitalization of historical periods, events, and documents; titles of books; stories and essays; and languages, races, and nationalities;
 - x. punctuation marks, including apostrophes in possessives, commas in compound sentences, and quotation marks in dialogue; and
 - xi. correct spelling of words with grade-appropriate orthographic patterns and rules and high-frequency words; and
 - E. publish written work for appropriate audiences.
- 12. 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. compose literary texts such as personal narratives and poetry using genre characteristics and craft;
 - B. compose informational texts, including brief compositions that convey information about a topic, using a clear central idea and genre characteristics and craft;
 - 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, 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 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;
- 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 multimodal, to present results.

