

Key to the Language and Communication Arts Curriculum

The curriculum is organized by grade level units (Pre-K through Kindergarten, Kindergarten through grade 2, grades 3 through 5 and grades 6 through 8). There are five major strands that comprise the curriculum:

Strand	Abbreviation	Strand	Abbreviation
1. Reading/Literature	RL	4. Writing	W
2. Informational Text	RIT	5. Speech and Listening	SL
3. Language	L		

Each strand is further divided into **Anchor Standards**, **Educational Benchmarks** and **Learning Objectives** in a table similar to the one shown below. A working definition of each component of the curriculum in the table below.

Anchor Standard – The long range goals under each curriculum strand. By the time a student completes 8 th grade they should master the standard. Each grade level of the curriculum provides age-appropriate steps along the way which help students progress to meet these goals.					
RL.3.1	Educational Benchmark:	RL.4.1	Educational Benchmark:	RL.5.1	Educational Benchmark:
These are the grade specific overall goals for students in relation to each Anchor Standard.					
Learning Objective		Learning Objective		Learning Objective	
Students will be able to:		Students will be able to:		Students will be able to:	
RL.3.1a	These are the individual learning objectives that students need to learn which support the grade-level Educational Benchmark. Teachers should provide learning activities to assist students' learning of each objective.	RL.4.1a		RL.5.1a	

Explanation of Codes:

The initial letters indicate the strand. The 1st number indicates grade level. The 2nd number indicates anchor standard and educational benchmark number. The final letter indicates the particular learning objective.

Examples:

- RL.2.1c - Reading/Literature – 2nd grade – Anchor Standard/Educational Benchmark 1 – Objective c
- RIT.YY.3/4.2a – Reading Informational Text - Pre-K (young years) 3 to 4 year olds - Anchor Standard/Educational Benchmark 2 – Objective a
- L.7.4a – Language – 7th grade - Anchor Standard/Educational Benchmark 4 – Objective a
- W.4.1h – Writing - 4th grade - Anchor Standard/Educational Benchmark 1 – Learning Objective h
- SL3.2b – Speech and Listening – 3rd grade – Anchor Standard/Educational Benchmark 2 – Learning Objective b