

## 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.

<b>Anchor Standard</b> – The long range goals under each curriculum strand. By the time a student completes 8 <sup>th</sup> 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:	
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 1<sup>st</sup> number indicates grade level. The 2<sup>nd</sup> number indicates anchor standard and educational benchmark number. The final letter indicates the particular learning objective.

### Examples:

- RL.2.1c - Reading/Literature – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade - Anchor Standard/Educational Benchmark 4 – Objective a
- W.4.1h – Writing - 4<sup>th</sup> grade - Anchor Standard/Educational Benchmark 1 – Learning Objective h
- SL3.2b – Speech and Listening – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Anchor Standard/Educational Benchmark 2 – Learning Objective b