



UPDATE on Manitoba's Kindergarten to Grade 12 English Language Arts Curriculum—November 2023

What is the status of Manitoba's English Language Arts Curriculum?

- The *English Language Arts Curriculum Framework* was introduced in Manitoba in 2015. Implementation was supported among select cohorts across several school divisions, between 2015 and 2021, in Kindergarten through Grade 8 and in some high schools.
- This Framework was intended to support Kindergarten to Grade 12, and included supports such as grade-band descriptors for Kindergarten to Grade 8. It was updated in 2020.
- During this development period, some Manitoba teachers fully engaged with the *English Language Arts Curriculum Framework: A Living Document* while others continued to use the previously articulated Kindergarten to Grade 12 English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum documents and outcomes, as well as other implementation resources, to guide their planning and instruction.
- Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning has launched the Manitoba Framework for Learning. This is an organizational structure for curriculum, assessment and implementation that supports the development of the Global Competencies for every learner. It is inclusive of all learners and educators across Manitoba's four K to 12 programs—English, French Immersion, Français, and Senior Years Technology Education.

What is the new curriculum structure?

- All Manitoba curricula will contain learning outcomes.
- Curricula across all disciplines will align with consistent format and language and will follow a systematic and cyclical development and renewal process.
- The new curriculum structure includes the following:
 - Discipline overview
 - Course overview
 - A multiliteracy statement
 - Enduring understandings
 - Manitoba Global Competencies in the discipline
 - Learning outcomes
 - Guiding principles of learning experiences and assessment
 - Guiding principles of evaluation and reporting
 - Key resources

Will the *English Language Arts Curriculum Framework: A Living Document* remain within the *Framework for Learning* and the new curriculum structure?

- Key content from *English Language Arts Curriculum Framework: A Living Document* will transition to align with the new *Framework for Learning* curriculum structure and new content (such as learning outcomes) will be added. Examples include:
 - Practices and elements are the foundation of enduring understandings and learning experiences
 - Grade-band descriptors are the foundation of learning outcomes and curricular competencies

What is the status of the ELA high school grade-band descriptors?

- Work is underway to align the high school grade-band descriptors, that were developed in the spring of 2021, with learning outcomes. These grade-band descriptors will serve as key curriculum implementation resources.

What is the timeline to release the new ELA learning outcomes?

- Following a review and feedback process with educators from across the province, the new ELA learning outcomes will be available on the department website. All components of the ELA curriculum within the *Framework for Learning* structure will be released together to ensure cohesion and alignment across the curriculum.

What else is being developed to support the ELA curriculum implementation?

- Reading, writing, and oral language progressions
- A series of implementation sessions with designated liaisons who serve as catalysts for the implementation of the *Framework for Learning* within school divisions and funded independent schools, will continue into the 2023/2024 school year.

How will curriculum renewal affect the new Grade 10 Provincial Evaluation and the resumption of the Grade 12 Provincial Tests?

- The Grade 10 Provincial Evaluation is being developed as a cumulative evaluation of learning to the end of Grade 9 using a combination of the Kindergarten to Grade 8 practices in the *English Language Arts Curriculum Framework: A Living Document (2020)* and the *Manitoba Curriculum Framework of Outcomes and Senior 1 Standards (1996)*. **There are no new curriculum expectations included in the pilot for the Fall 2023.**
- The Grade 12 Provincial Tests for the 2023/2024 school year were created using the *Grade 12 English Language Arts Common Standards* document and will be similar in process and structure to the last Grade 12 Provincial Test administration in January 2020. **There are no new curriculum expectations for the Grade 12 Provincial Tests in 2023/2024.**

Provincial evaluations and assessments will reflect current curriculum as it is developed and implemented.