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Course Name

English Language Arts

Grade Level

Grade 10

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Discipline Overview

The study of English language arts enables learners to explore, understand and appreciate language and its use in multidimensional ways-critical thinking, communicating, creating, collaborating, reflecting to empower learners to live Mino-Pimatisiwin (the Good Life) and contribute to their communities as global, literate citizens. Language enhances learning and is integrated across all other subjects/disciplines which fosters a love of deep literacy learning. Each learner develops their knowledge and skills through opportunities to listen, speak, read, write, view and represent in a variety of contexts.

The language arts are interrelated and interdependent; strength in one area reinforces and supports the development of skills in another area. All Kindergarten to Grade 12 teachers are teachers of language and contribute to learners' literacy growth in a variety of ways. Literacy is the foundation for all learning, and it is the gateway to self-knowing, being and doing.

Reading and creating texts requires learners to acquire the ability to be multiliterate. The texts that fill the world of today's learners are multimodal as they combine print, digital, oral, and a range of visual modes. The English language arts engage learners in multiple modes of communication (multiliteracies) in and across multiple contexts for the purpose of experiencing, questioning, investigating, creating, communicating, and reflecting to make sense of information in the world.



Through Kindergarten to Grade 12, learners continuously develop their global competencies in English language arts to build a sense of self, identity, community and knowledge about the world as they engage purposefully as active and responsible participants in their own and others' lives. English language arts spark the imagination, inspire a love for learning and develop appreciation for the rich diversity of human experiences shared through language, literature, and story.

Course Overview

In Grade 10, learners deepen their expertise in language as they engage in academic discussions and debates, employing sophisticated reasoning, and rhetorical strategies across all areas of English Language Arts. Learners use precise language to develop and defend nuanced arguments. They further explore and critically examine how rhetoric, bias, voice, and tone shape meaning and influence communication.

Grade 10 learners engage with diverse and challenging literary and informational texts that explore global, cultural, historical, and contemporary themes. They critically analyze authors' intent, thematic elements, social commentary, and the ways texts construct meaning and position readers. Learners make interdisciplinary connections and demonstrate an advanced understanding of identity, perspective, and cultural context. As independent researchers, they pose complex questions, critically evaluate sources for reliability and bias, synthesize information effectively, and present well-supported, coherent arguments or narratives.

As text creators, Grade 10 learners produce polished and purposeful texts across multiple genres, including analytical essays, persuasive compositions, creative writing, and research projects. They skillfully apply advanced grammar, precise vocabulary, and stylistic techniques tailored to their audience and purpose. Through a rigorous creative process, learners plan, draft, revise, and edit their work with attention to clarity, cohesion, and impact. Grade 10 learners understand how to use language, text structures, and media tools appropriately for their purpose and intentionally use tone, volume and expression to present ideas to an audience. By the end of Grade 10, learners are prepared to engage confidently and critically with complex language tasks as they continue their education.

Global Competencies in English Language Arts

Critical Thinking

Critical thinking in English language arts involves the intentional process of synthesizing and analyzing ideas using criteria and evidence, making reasoned judgements, and reflecting on the outcomes and implications of those judgments.

When critical thinking as a competency is applied in English language arts, learners:

- find and use sources for specific purposes and for different audiences to share knowledge, explore ideas and deepen thinking.
- evaluate sources for validity and reliability and question assumptions, bias and stereotyping in their own and others' texts.
- connect ideas, patterns and relationships from multiple texts and sources using criteria and evidence to make decisions for different purposes.
- reflect on multiple perspectives, points on view and interpretations to make sense of and respond to texts for purpose, audience and context.
- ask questions and use a variety of thinking processes (e.g., critical, holistic, imaginative, creative, interpretive, computational) to deepen and extend learning.
- analyze, challenge, and make judgments on their own and others' text and ideas, using observations, experiences, and evidence.
- use criteria to make ethical decisions about what and whose stories are told and how they respond to text.
- critically examine the contents of texts evaluating text origin and methods of expression.

Creativity

Creativity in English language arts involves exploring and playing with ideas and concepts to represent thinking, solve problems, explore opportunities, and innovate in unique ways. It is the interaction between intuition and thinking.

When creativity as a competency is applied in English language arts, learners:

- invent, take risks, and reflect on creating possibilities for different purposes, audiences, and contexts.
- respond to uncertainty with curiosity and open-mindedness and ask questions to explore ideas/possibilities and fill information gaps.
- select from and use language and literacy strategies, resources, and sources to explore real world challenges and generate ideas to solve problems.
- create and enhance new ideas by interpreting and integrating information from multiple texts and building off the ideas of others.
- create and adapt plans to meet needs for specific purposes and different audiences.
- test and adapt ideas, plans and designs to make decisions about texts for clarity and effect, including styles of communication and creative uses of conventions.

- reflect on creative processes, iterations and revisions and seek and use feedback to refine designs.

Citizenship

Citizenship in English language arts involves engaging and working towards a more equitable, compassionate, and sustainable world through the development and value of relationships to self, others, and the natural world.

When citizenship as a competency is applied in English language arts, learners:

- understand their perspectives on complex issues, the role of text creators, and how texts represent and promote particular beliefs, values, and ideas.
- empathize with perspectives that are similar or different than their own and develop strong connections with the natural world.
- welcome and discuss diverse viewpoints, experiences and worldviews to make sense of issues related to others and the natural world.
- evaluate factors and propose solutions to strengthen communities and advocate for themselves, others and the natural world.
- engage with others and attend to the complexities of digital citizenship, intellectual property, and fair use in safe, respectful and positive ways.
- engage in dialogue to find equitable solutions to social issues that support the well-being of self, others, and the natural world.
- investigate complex moral and ethical issues and conflicts through different lenses to contribute to the betterment of communities.
- research and study topics and ideas to make ethical choices for themselves, others, and the natural world.

Connection to Self

Connection to self in English language arts involves awareness of the related nature of emotional, intellectual, physical, social, cultural, and spiritual aspects of living and learning, and the responsibility for personal growth, well-being..

When connection to self as a competency is applied in English language arts, learners:

- recognize personal strengths, gifts and challenges to develop language and literacies for learning and well-being in all areas of their lives.
- explore their own voice and understand factors that shape and transform their identities.

- recognize and express their feelings and emotions and use appropriate language strategies to support self-regulation and well-being.
- reflect on their decisions, engagement with texts, and others' feedback to monitor their language and literacy growth over time.
- set language and literacy goals to extend learning, broaden experiences, and deepen connections for well-being.
- plan for the future and follow their own lines of inquiry to pursue curiosities, passions, and interests.
- persevere through challenges to understand and create increasingly complex texts.
- adapt and change their language and literacy practices in new and varied contexts and communities.
- recognize their agency and embrace their role in making decisions about their language and literacy learning and well-being.

Collaboration

Collaboration in English language arts involves learning with and from others and working together with a shared commitment to a common goal.

When collaboration as a competency is applied in English language arts, learners:

- seek to understand diverse perspectives, opinions, and ideas to make sense of and respond to increasingly varied and complex texts.
- add to, stretch, and redirect their thinking to deepen and build on others' ideas.
- value and put trust in others' contributions when considering alternative viewpoints and contemplating the actions that can be taken.
- build relationships by actively listening and asking questions of themselves and others to explore topics and ideas.
- work through differences in constructive ways and can compromise, change perspective or resist points of view and opinions.
- use criteria for conversations and collaboration to co-construct meaning with others as they investigate issues, moral dilemmas, and possibilities for social justice.
- commit to using collaboration norms, strategies, and protocols in communities of practice to work toward a collective purpose or common goal.

Communication

Communication in English language arts involves interacting with others and allowing for a message to be received, expressed and understood in multiple ways and for a variety of purposes.

When collaboration as a competency is applied in English language arts, learners:

- recognize, apply and adjust rules and conventions in text to express ideas and emotions.
- consider audience, purpose and context when making decisions about using and combining different modes and forms to communicate ideas.
- understand how their words and actions shape their identity and impact how they tell their own and others' stories.
- use visual, print, and oral signals to enhance understanding when receiving messages in a variety of contexts.
- seek to understand others' ideas, purposes, and messages through actively listening and questioning in a variety of contexts.
- recognize that diverse perspectives, experiences, and ideas can impact and influence understanding and how we respond to texts.
- use their networks of background knowledge to make sense of texts and deepen their understandings through language and languages.
- make connections to how the English language works and use language in discerning and purposeful ways to build relationships both in person and in digital contexts.
- recognize the importance and impact of particular ways of thinking, doing, creating, and using language to communicate and strengthen communities.

Enduring Understandings

Enduring understandings are the essential big ideas, residing at the heart of all disciplines. They are the principles educators interpret and use to guide planning for the implementation of the English language arts curriculum.

Language and literacies are central to all learning.

Today's learners need a broad communicative repertoire to interact with and navigate multiple forms of text and social contexts.

- *Reflection: How do I design learning experiences and assessment practices so that learners have meaningful opportunities to use language and literacies in all facets of learning?*

Language and literacies are context dependent.

Today's learners will understand how to use language and literacies for different contexts such as navigating different purposes, audiences and cultural contexts.

- *Reflection: How do I recognize and help others to recognize that the ways we use language, and literacies will change based on context?*

Language and literacy learning is complex, continuous, and recursive.

Today's learners will realize that language and literacy learning are dynamic and provide opportunities for learners to return to and reflect on their learning which expands their experiences, interactions, and relationships.

- *Reflection: How do I provide opportunities for learners to broaden, deepen, and transform their language and literacies?*

Language and literacies develop differently for each individual.

Today's learners have unique and diverse ways of developing and expanding their language and literacies.

- *Reflection: How do I learn about and harness the different ways of learning/known language and literacies in my classroom?*

Language and literacy learning and use are social.

Today's learners will experience language and literacies through the processes of communication, conversation, and collaboration to make meaning when interacting with text/creators of texts.

- *Reflection: How do I support collaboration in my classroom to build language and literacy among learners?*

Language and literacy demands are evolving.

Today's learners require the capacity and capability to navigate multiple uses of language, multiliteracies and multimodal texts (print, digital, physical, aural/oral, gestural, spatial and visual modes).

- *Reflection: How do I select, use, provide access to, and support the creation of multiple forms and modes of texts in my classroom?*

Language and literacy experiences inform and influence our developing sense of self.

Today's learners are affected by their language and literacies, and this defines how they construct their personal identity. English language arts are essential for all to live Mino-Pimatisiwin (the Good Life). English language arts curriculum acknowledges literacy as a fundamental right and that it is at the heart of the learner's knowing, being and doing.

- *Reflection: How do I learn about the multiple identities of learners in my classroom/school?*

Language and literacies are enacted through inextricably connected practices.

Today's learners will use a range of modes to make and communicate their meaning through language and literacy.

- *Reflection: How do I support focused and intentional teaching within meaningful language and literacy experiences?*

[\(Source: English Language Arts Curriculum Framework, A Living Document, 2020\)](#)

Learning Outcomes

Strand A: Explore and Discover Language and Literacy

GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOME

ELA.10.A1 Oral Language Communication

Learners will apply listening and speaking skills to receive, exchange and develop ideas for various purposes and audiences.

Listening (Receptive)

ELA.10.A1.1 Listen critically to understand, analyze and interpret point of view, values, and biases, stereotypes, or prejudices from oral information and ideas heard; reflect on the contributions of others to evaluate the effectiveness/credibility/ethics of ideas heard and apply to own understanding.

ELA.10.A1.2 Evaluate and adjust use of supportive non-verbal cues and inclusive social conventions when listening to and receiving the contributions of others; listen attentively, appreciating multiple perspectives from diverse audiences.

Interacting

ELA.10.A1.3 Analyze language use and adjust interactions to foster inclusivity across contexts; ensure all voices and perspectives are received, respected and valued across contexts, backgrounds and cultures.

ELA.10.A1.4 Ask multifaceted questions and seek/provide clarification and explanation to further explore and critique ideas, concepts, problems, solutions; clarify, verify or challenge ideas and conclusions.

Speaking (Expressive)

ELA.10.A1.5 Use the rules and structures of oral language (e.g., syntax, verb tense, word choice, grammar) and expanded vocabulary to build and deliver messages that

are coherent, clear and appropriate according to formal/informal contexts, purposes and audiences; self monitor language for effective communication.

- ELA.10.A1.6** Use precise language to enhance meaning and style for different situations, audiences, and purposes (e.g., language of persuasion in debates, reviews); demonstrate self-monitoring of language and tone, etc., and adjust accordingly.

GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOME

ELA.10.A2 Language as the Foundation for Reading and Writing

Learners will develop and apply the understanding of the system of language (knowledge and skills) and language comprehension for reading and writing.

Phonological/Phonemic Awareness

Consolidation, application and mastery is typically achieved by this grade.

Alphabetic Knowledge

Consolidation, application and mastery is typically achieved by this grade.

Phonics

Consolidation, application and mastery is typically achieved by this grade.

Word Study (Morphology)

- ELA.10.A2.4** Analyze and evaluate morphological knowledge, including etymology (study of word origins) to analyze words for deeper understanding/application and accurate spelling of unfamiliar, topic/content specific and technical words (e.g., transform, transformation, transformational).

Vocabulary

- ELA.10.A2.5** Acquire, clarify and use a variety of vocabulary related to different contexts, including figures of speech (e.g., oxymoron, euphemism); identify the subtle differences/associations in the meaning of words with similar definitions (e.g., refined, respectively, polite, diplomatic); use different sources to locate word pronunciations to clarify precise meanings/parts of speech, including etymology or standard usage.

Reading Fluency

- ELA.10.A2.6** Apply a range of fluency skills and strategies (e.g., accuracy, expression (prosody), appropriate rate) to comprehend complex syntax and ideas.

Strand B: Comprehend and Respond to Multimodal Texts

GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOME

ELA.10.B1 Acquire New Information

Learners will activate, acquire and build background knowledge through inquiry of diverse topics and engagement with multimodal forms of text (e.g., visual, oral, print, digital, experts, Elders).

Activate Prior Knowledge and Inquire

ELA.10.B1.1 Apply prior knowledge to develop understanding; engage in critical reflection to make an inference, prediction or hypothesis; assess the relevance and value of prior knowledge in supporting new understanding.

ELA.10.B1.2 Create essential questions to focus inquiry and clarify ideas/thinking while reading, listening and viewing information and research.

Engage with a Variety of Texts (Read, View, Listen)

ELA.10.B1.3 Engage with a variety of multimodal texts across genres, interests and complexities through real-world relevance (e.g., video case studies, visual storytelling) to support the application of abstract concepts as tangible and relatable to everyday life.

Review Information

ELA.10.B1.4 Analyze information from a variety of multimodal texts, considering the source, intended audience, inferred meaning and implicit bias; cite evidence from multiple texts/sources that support analysis, as well as inferences.

GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOME

ELA.10.B2 Construct Meaning

Learners will understand and apply a variety of comprehension strategies to construct the meaning of text and consolidate new information.

Identify Text Cues

ELA.10.B2.1 Analyze various text cues (e.g., genres, features, patterns) across a range of multimodal texts; explain how effectively they support the intended purpose for diverse audiences.

ELA.10.B2.2 Use textual cues and prominent organizational patterns of a range of multimodal texts to construct/confirm meaning and interpretation.

Make Predictions

ELA.10.B2.3 Make predictions using background knowledge and text content and cues; confirm/refute/modify predictions by using a range of text evidence before, during and after reading.

Make Connections

ELA.10.B2.4 Apply connections between personal experiences, a range of multimodal texts and knowledge of world (e.g., history, events, issues) to develop a depth of understanding and interpretations of texts.

Monitor Understanding - Check and Adjust

ELA.10.B2.5 Select and justify multiple strategies (e.g., rereading, asking clarifying questions, inferencing, conferring with others, paraphrasing, consulting references and other sources of information, annotating); apply strategies flexibly to confirm and deepen understanding.

Monitor Understanding – Summarize

ELA.10.B2.6 Summarize ideas/concepts/themes from more complex texts; condense larger sections of text/ideas into concise summaries by eliminating unnecessary details and maintaining integrity to author's message.

Consolidate New Knowledge

ELA.10.B2.7 Synthesize and communicate new ideas using discipline-specific vocabulary; explore how different perspectives (e.g., personal, cultural, historical) affect and shape the interpretations of text; apply new knowledge in other disciplines through a range of strategies; reflect on new insights and understandings.

GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOME**ELA.10.B3 Think Critically about Multimodal Text and Respond**

Learners will recognize, analyze, and respond critically to inequities, bias, and viewpoints in texts and ideas.

Analyze Text

ELA.10.B3.1 Analyze how texts reflect or challenge societal norms around diversity and equity; use direct and inferred evidence to support claims about representation and bias (e.g., *How does the author use language or structure to highlight issues of equity? How does this compare to other texts?*).

Recognize Facts, Bias and Viewpoints

ELA.10.B3.2 Differentiate between facts, opinions, and bias in various texts; analyze how bias can be embedded in word choice, tone, imagery, and text content (e.g., information included or excluded); evaluate how sources of evidence affect the credibility of text (e.g., valid research); determine whether the evidence presented is reliable, balanced and supports findings.

ELA.10.B3.3 Analyze text creator's purpose, background and motivation in selecting a particular point of view; investigate how point of view influences meaning, tone, bias and theme, etc.; compare multiple viewpoints within/across text(s); critique the quality of viewpoints by examining the credibility of sources, facts and research.

Respond to Text

ELA.10.B3.4 Compare personal reactions with others (different audiences) and societal perspectives; evaluate differences in interpretation; analyze and explain how prejudice and bias shape meaning and affect understanding of text purpose or credibility.

Strand C: Compose and Create Multimodal Texts

GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOME

ELA.10.C1 Generate Ideas, Create Plan and Draft/Prototype

Learners will generate ideas, conduct research, evaluate sources, and design a plan to compose multimodal texts (visual, multimedia, oral, written) for a range of purposes and audiences.

Generate Ideas

ELA.10.C1.1 Select topic based on ideas generated from experiences, current events, literature, and cross-curricular knowledge; focus topic based on purpose, format and audience.

Research Sources

ELA.10.C1.2 Integrate and evaluate multiple sources (e.g., academic texts, expert opinions, digital media); assess conflicting viewpoints and bias; study mentor texts and various author styles; assess reliability across traditional text and digital sources (e.g., audio, video, scholarly databases) to focus/expand ideas.

Create Plan

ELA.10.C1.3 Use strategies and planning tools specific to genre and purpose (e.g., mind maps, outlines, research organizers, interview notes); collect and record information; outline steps-research, design, create text/prototype, share and reflect on plan.

Choose Form

ELA.10.C1.4 Choose form more purposely, understand the conventions of the form (e.g., editorials, memoirs, feature articles, documentaries) for a specific message, audience and purpose (e.g., feature article exploring a current event for a school magazine or persuasive speech/ presentation vs. written essay for impact).

Create Draft/Prototype

ELA.10.C1.5 Create more complex multimodal texts (e.g., videos, interactive timelines, digital essays); use varied thinking strategies/maps (e.g., flowchart, storyboards) to draft ideas effectively and creatively, connecting purpose to format; choose appropriate digital tools based on purpose/audience (e.g., choose video vs email for certain audiences).

GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOME**ELA.10.C2 Enhance the Clarity and Artistry of Multimodal Texts**

Learners will apply knowledge and understanding of the variables of writing to enhance the clarity, precision and effectiveness of their creations and reflect critically on created text.

Organize Ideas

ELA.10.C2.1 Select and use appropriate organizational structures, techniques and transitions to achieve a specific purpose for an audience and to communicate clearly.

Sentence Structure

ELA.10.C2.2 Reread and use more varied sentence lengths and structures for emphasis and clarity; sentences connect smoothly within and between paragraphs; tone and voice are evident through sentence flow; apply grammatical correctness to communicate meaning for others.

Word Choice

ELA.10.C2.3 Use precise, effective, and discipline appropriate words to suit a specific purpose, audience, and form to convey/strengthen intended meaning.

Voice/Style

ELA.10.C2.4 Demonstrate greater flexibility to shift between formal, persuasive, reflective and narrative voice; use voice to influence, inform, and impact audience; adjust content, voice, and tone in text deliberately for different forms, genres and audiences.

Revision

ELA.10.C2.5 Refine coherence, voice, and logical progression of ideas/details; identify and correct issues of logic, repetition/redundances and/or ineffective transitions; review sentence mechanics and revise to include more variety for clarity,

emphasis or tone; reflect critically on feedback received; articulate reasons for changes made to text.

GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOME**ELA.10.C3 Edit and Publish**

Learners will apply knowledge of editing to communicate the text clearly and coherently to an audience, using a variety of media, tools and strategies to publish text.

Legibility and Word Processing

ELA.10.C3.1 Write fluently to ensure clarity and coherence of written information for self/audience; integrate word processing skills into the text creation process, including editing, formatting and publishing; use advanced formatting tools (e.g., styles, tables, layout design) to enhance communication and ensure clarity for reader.

Spelling

ELA.10.C3.2 Analyze words and apply knowledge of a range of strategies and rules; understand derivatives [relationship between a word and its base] (e.g., help – helper-helpful-unhelpful-helpless), bases (e.g., happy – happiness) and affixes [word parts added to a base to change its meaning or function] (e.g., happiness-unhappiness) to confirm conventional spelling; use resources (e.g., digital dictionaries/apps, spell check) to confirm conventional spelling.

Punctuation and Capitalization

ELA.10.C3.3 Capitalization is applied precisely across a range of writing genres (e.g., essays, formal letters, creative writing); proper adjectives (e.g., Victorian, Shakespearean); with legal, academic, and political titles; in digital or media contexts (e.g., headlines, blog titles, email etiquette).

ELA.10.C3.4 Understand and apply punctuation choices in compound-complex sentences (e.g., colons, semi-colons, and dashes; embedded or multi-layered quotations) to enhance tone, emphasis, and complex meaning; understand how punctuation contributes to clarity of message and to the credibility and polish of text.

Publish Final Text

ELA.10.C3.5 Create final copy of more complex multimodal texts (e.g., podcasts, blogs, short documentaries); effectively integrate multiple modes for a specific purpose and audience (e.g., persuasive podcast combining script, background music, and interviews to address a social issue).

Strand D: Communicate Ideas and Build New Understandings

GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOME

ELA.10.D1 Share Ideas and Information

Learners will use a range of multimodal forms of communication (e.g., visual, multimedia, oral and written texts) to share, clarify, and extend ideas/ information for different purposes and audiences.

Express Ideas and Engage Audience

ELA.10.D1.1 Experiment with tone, volume and expression and adjust delivery based on audience reaction; use tone/volume/expression for dramatic effects or emphasis to effectively communicate ideas.

ELA.10.D1.2 Utilize a variety of elements (visual and multimedia) to enhance effect and clarity of message/communication with an audience.

ELA.10.D1.3 Adapt structure for a multimedia or group presentation to clearly communicate message; maintain focus through presentation, conveying a clear perspective and explanation to keep audience engaged.

GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOME

ELA.10.D2 Assess and Set Goals

Learners will use metacognition (the ability to think about one's own thinking) to assess their language skills as listeners, speakers, readers, writers, viewers and representers, supporting their growth as independent learners. Learners will set goals and monitor progress.

Self-Assess

ELA.10.D2.1 Analyze feedback and adjust learning strategies used as an effective listener, speaker, reader, writer, viewer and representer by asking, "How have I met the criteria? Which part of my work needs to improve?"

ELA.10.D2.2 Use course criteria to assess learning; use tools (e.g., exit tickets/reflection slips, self-quizzes, digital portfolios) to assess own understanding/learning.

Receive and Reflect on Feedback

ELA.10.D2.3 Receive descriptive feedback from others; reflect on how to refine strategies for listening, speaking, reading, viewing, writing or representing.

Set Goals and Monitor Progress

- ELA.10.D2.4** Reflect on and set specific short/long term learning goals to continue to develop as a listener, speaker, reader, writer, viewer, and representer; plan steps to achieve goal(s).
- ELA.10.D2.5** Monitor progress by collecting evidence of learning; track growth towards goal achievement.