

Curriculum, Instruction, and Innovation Team

Student-Friendly Language Arts Standards for Grade Four

Based upon the 2009 Nebraska State Language Arts Standards



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READING

I can understand what I read by using the skills and strategies I have learned.

Word Analysis

I can use what I know about words to read, write, and spell.

I can use what I know about sounds, spelling patterns, and syllables to read, write, and spell.

I can use what I know about word structure to read.

Fluency

I can fluently read a variety of grade level texts.

I can read smoothly to help me understand what I am reading.

I can read words and phrases correctly and smoothly.

I can use punctuation to help me read so that it sounds like I am talking.

I can adjust the pace of both oral and silent reading.

Vocabulary

I can build and use vocabulary from all subjects.

I can use what I know about words to determine meaning.

I can connect new vocabulary to what I already know and use those words in other situations.

I can find and use context clues and text features to figure out the meaning of new words.

I can identify how words are related.

I can use different resources to determine what words mean.

Comprehension

I can understand what I read.

I can identify an author's purpose and recognize how the author's feelings influence the writing.

I can identify and analyze the elements of a narrative text.

I can summarize a narrative text using supporting details.

I can identify and explain how authors use literary devices.

I can retell and summarize informational text using the main idea and supporting details.

I can understand and apply what I know about how informational text is organized to help me understand what it means.

I can apply what I know about text features to find information and understand what I read.

I can describe different genres.

I can use narrative and informational text to understand people and cultures.

I can ask and answer questions using information in the text, what I know and what I believe.

I can explain my purpose for reading.

I can connect what I know to what I read, to other texts, and to the world.

I can recognize when I don't understand what I am reading and can use strategies to clarify, confirm, or correct.

I can make predictions and confirm or adjust them while I read.

I can infer using what I know and information from the text to understand what I read.

I can respond to what I read in different ways.

WRITING

I can use writing to communicate with others.

Writing Process

I can use the writing process to publish my writing.

I can use resources and strategies to brainstorm, organize and guide my writing.

I can create a draft of my writing.

I can revise my writing to improve it.

I can share my ideas with other writers to help them improve their writing and use their ideas to make my own writing better.

I can edit my writing for format and conventions.

I can publish a legible copy of my writing.

Writing Genres

I can write for a variety of purposes and audiences using different genres.

I can write in a selected genre for a specific purpose.

I can write for different people to give them information they need.

I can write short passages in a specific genre.

I can choose how to organize my writing based on my purpose.

I can analyze examples of writing in different genres to create a similar piece.

SPEAKING AND LISTENING

I can communicate with others by listening and speaking.

Speaking

I can communicate ideas with my words.

I can communicate information and ideas clearly for different purposes and audiences.

I can change the way I speak for different purposes.

I can use available media to enhance communication.

Listening

I can learn and use active listening skills in many situations.

I can listen to others in different situations.

I can understand information by listening, asking questions, and taking notes.

I can summarize and explain information that is communicated.

Reciprocal Communication

I can have respectful conversations with others.

I can be careful with the words I choose and how they affect others.

I can use conversation strategies when I communicate.

I can work with others by communicating my ideas and opinions in different ways.

MULTIPLE LITERACIES (Electronic Communication)

I can identify, locate, and form an opinion about information.

I can find and use information in a variety of ways.

I can select and use resources to answer questions.



- I can cite my sources to give credit to the authors.
- I can practice safe behaviors when I am communicating on the computer.
- I can use technology to communicate with learners from all over the world.
- I can describe the fairness and the purpose of the information I find.
- I can gather and share information and opinions using technology.
- I can gather and share information online using social networks and online tools.

