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# The Nebraska 2014 English Language Arts Standards

*A Guide for Nebraska Families*



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## What is a Standard?

- A standard is a skill that students should know and be able to do by the end of the school year.
- Standards set clear and high expectations for student achievement.
- Teachers use standards for consistency so that every student in the same grade is learning the same essential skills.

## Who Sets the Standards?

- English Language Arts academic content standards are required by state statute and set by educators and policymakers from across the state. Final approval is made by the State Board of Education.
- The standards are reviewed, revised, and updated at the end of a seven-year cycle.

## Why do students and families need to know about the standards?

- When students know what they are expected to learn, they perform better.
- When parents know the learning standards, they become more aware of what is expected and can help their children succeed.
- Children can have conversations about their learning with their parents.
- Parents can have conversations with educators about their child's learning.



## What is included in “English Language Arts”?

English Language Arts includes all of the skills used to communicate in the English language, including reading, writing, speaking, listening, and digital literacy.

## What is the difference between the standards and the curriculum?

The Nebraska Department of Education defines curriculum as the lead set of materials used to deliver content to students in a given subject area. Curriculum outlines the intended content, experiences, and approaches for measuring student learning and includes the scope and sequence of what is taught.



## Multiple Literacies

The revised 2014 standards reflect an emphasis on “multiple literacies” which are skills associated with the appropriate use of digital resources to locate and share information. Multiple literacy standards include the safe and responsible use of technology. Nebraska’s schools are committed to giving students opportunities to integrate technology into their learning experience.



## College and Career Ready

The revised 2014 Nebraska ELA Standards also reflect the framework of Nebraska Career Readiness Standards, which are designed to prepare students for the practices and proficiencies necessary for college and career success. For more information, please visit <https://www.education.ne.gov/NCE/Standards.html>

For a full list of resources, including grade-level “Student-friendly” standards, please visit <https://www.education.ne.gov/ela/>