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**READ 4243-101 Methods of Teaching Intermediate-Secondary
Language Arts
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Midwestern State University
Gordon T. & Ellen West College of Education

Class Meets

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Instructor Response Policy

The best way to contact me is via email. I will check my email between the hours of 8:00AM and 5:00PM Mon-Fri. I will attempt to contact you within 24 hours; however, this does not apply on weekends or holidays. Once you contact me via email, we can then set up a virtual, phone, or in-person meeting, depending on your needs.

Course Description

Developing and learning methods to teach and assess reading, writing, listening, speaking, and researching for diverse learners in grades 4-12. Instructional strategies and models, thematic/unit development and teaching, metacognitive skills, and effective uses for text, media, and technology will be included. Field experience required.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Gehsmann, K., & Templeton, S. (2021). *Teaching Reading and Writing: The Developmental Approach*, 2nd Ed. Pearson

Required Technology

All students must have Internet access and the following technology applications: appropriate hardware in order to access D2L, Word Processing software.

Course Objectives/Standards

(alignment to state and professional standards and competencies located in Appendix A chart below)

READ 4233 builds mastery of the following competencies/learning outcomes (Competencies are aligned to the TExES Examination Frameworks/Standards for 4-8 & 7-12, STR, TAC Educator Standards, Technology Standards for Teachers, INTASC, and the National Council for the Teachers of English and International Literacy Association, Knowledge and implementation 4-12 TEKS, and ELPS, standards geared instruction and developmentally appropriate practices are required:

The candidates will use their knowledge of research-based strategies to plan and implement effective, culturally responsive, standards-based instruction for vocabulary, reading and the study of literature to promote learning for a diverse group of students.

The candidates will design and implement appropriate assessments for vocabulary, reading and the study of literature to promote learning for a diverse group of students.

The candidates will plan and implement effective, culturally responsive, standards-based instruction for composing texts (oral, written, and visual) to promote learning for a diverse group of students.

The candidates will design and implement appropriate assessments for composing texts (oral, written, and visual) to promote learning for a diverse group of students.

The candidates will plan, implement, assess, and reflect on research-based, culturally responsive, instruction that increases motivation and active student engagement, and responds to diverse students' needs.

Course Objectives/Standards

Objectives	TExES ELAR Exam Framework	NCTE, ILA, InTASC & ELPS	STR Stds/ Exam	Commissioner's Standards TAC 149.1000 1 Subchapter AA	Assessments, Assignments
The candidates will use their knowledge	4-8 (217) Dom I Comp 001-A,B,C,D,E,F	Std. 1 Std. 2	Dom III Compet . 009	Std. (1) (A) (i),(ii),(iii) (B)	Lesson Plan and Delivery with TTESS Observation

Objectives	TEExES ELAR Exam Framework	NCTE, ILA, InTASC & ELPS	STR Stds/ Exam	Commissioner's Standards TAC 149.1000 1 Subchapter AA	Assessments, Assignments
of research-based strategies to plan and implement effective, culturally responsive, standards-based instruction for reading, vocabulary and the study of literature to promote learning for a diverse group of students.	G,H,I,J,K,L, M,N,O,P,Q Comp 002-B,C,D,E,F, G,H Comp 003-A,B,C,D,E,F G,H,I,J,K,L, M,N,O,P Comp 004-A,B,C,D,E,F G,H,I,J,K Dom II Comp 005-A,B,C,D,E,F G,H,J,K,L,M Comp 006-A,B,C,D,E,F G,H,J,K,L,M Comp 007-A,B,C,D,E,F G,H,I,J,K,L, M,N,O,P 7-12 (331) Dom II Comp 004-A,B,C,D,E,F G,H,L,M Comp 005-A,B,C,D,E,F, G, H,L,M Comp 006-A,B,C,D,E,F,	Std. 3 Compt 3.1 Std.4 Compt 4.1 ILA Std. 4, 5, 7 Texas ELPS Stnds (1) A,B,C, D E,F,G, H (2) A,B,C, D E,F,G, H I (3) A,B,C, D E,F,G, H I,J (4) A,B,C, D	010, 011, 012	(i),(ii),(iii) (C) (i),(ii),(iii) (D) (i),(ii),(iii) (E) (i),(ii),(iii) Std. (2) (A) (i),(ii),(iii) (B) (i),(ii),(iii) (C) (i),(ii),(iii) Std. (3) (A)(i) (B) (i),(ii) (C) (i) Std. 4 (A) (i),(ii) (C) (i) (D) (ii),(iii)	Unit Plan Certify Teacher Reading Text/class Activities

Objectives	TEExES ELAR Exam Framework	NCTE, ILA, InTASC & ELPS	STR Stds/ Exam	Commissioner's Standards TAC 149.1000 1 Subchapter AA	Assessments, Assignments
	G, H Comp 007-A,B,C,D,E,F, G, H,I,J,K,L,M,N	E,F,G, H I,J,K InTASC 4,5,6			
The candidates will design and implement appropriate assessments for reading, vocabulary, and the study of literature to promote learning for a diverse group of students.	4-8 (217) Dom I Comp 002-B,C,D,E,F, G,H Comp 004-A,B,C,D,E,F G,H,I,J,K Dom II Comp 005-A,B,C,D,E,F G,H,J,K,L,M Comp 006-A,B,C,D,E,F G,H,J,K,L,M Comp 007-A,B,C,D,E,F G,H,I,J,K,L, M,N,O,P 7-12 (231) Dom II Comp 004-A,B,C,D,E,F G,H,L,M Comp 005-A,B,C,D,E,F,	Std. 3 Compt 3.2 Std.4 Compt 4.2, 4.3 ILA Std. 3 Texas ELPS Stds (1) A,B,C, D E,F,G, H (2) A,B,C, D E,F,G, H I (3)	Dom III Compet . 009 010 011 012	Std. 1 (F) (i),(ii),(iii) Std. 5 (A) (i),(ii) (D) (i)	Lesson Plan and Delivery with TTESS Observation Unit Plan Certify Teacher Reading Text/Class Activities

Objectives	TEExES ELAR Exam Framework	NCTE, ILA, InTASC & ELPS	STR Stds/ Exam	Commissioner's Standards TAC 149.1000 1 Subchapter AA	Assessments, Assignments
	G, H, L, M Comp 006- A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H Comp 007- A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N	A, B, C, D E, F, G, H I, J (4) A, B, C, D E, F, G, H I, J, K InTASC 4, 5, 6			
The candidates will plan and implement effective, culturally responsive, standards-based instruction for composing texts (oral, written, and visual) to promote learning for a diverse group of students.	4-8 (217) Dom III Comp 009- D, G, H Comp 010- A, E, G 7-1 (331) Dom III Comp 008- A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I Comp 009- A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N , O Comp 010-	Std. 1 Std. 2 Std. 3 Compnt 3.1 Std. 4 Compnt 4.1 ILA Std. 4, 5, 7 C Texas ELPS Stds (1) A, B, C,		Std. (1) (A) (i), (ii), (iii) (B) (i), (ii), (iii) (C) (i), (ii), (iii) (D) (i), (ii), (iii) (E) (i), (ii), (iii) Std. (2) (A) (i), (ii), (iii) (B) (i), (ii), (iii) (C) (i), (ii), (iii) Std. (3) (A) (i)	Lesson Plan and Delivery with TTESS Observation Certify Teacher Unit Plan Writing Text/Class Activities

Objectives	TEXES ELAR Exam Framework	NCTE, ILA, InTASC & ELPS	STR Stds/ Exam	Commissioner's Standards TAC 149.1000 1 Subchapter AA	Assessments, Assignments
	A,B,C,D,E,F, G, H,I,J,K Comp 011- A,B,C,D,E,F, G, H	D E,F,G, H (2) A,B,C, D E,F,G, H I (3) A,B,C, D E,F,G, H I,J (4) A,B,C, D E,F,G, H I,J,K (5) A,B,C, D E,F,G (6) A,B,C, D InTASC 4,5,6		(B) (i),(ii) (C) (i) Std. 4 (A) (i),(ii) (C) (i) (D) (ii),(iii)	
The candidates will design	4-8 (217) Dom III	Std. 3 Compn		Std. 1 (F) (i),(ii),(iii)	Lesson Plan and Delivery with TTESS

Objectives	TEExES ELAR Exam Framework	NCTE, ILA, InTASC & ELPS	STR Stds/ Exam	Commissioner's Standards TAC 149.1000 1 Subchapter AA	Assessments, Assignments
and implement appropriate assessments for composing texts (oral, written, and visual) to promote learning for a diverse group of students.	Comp 009-D,G,H Comp 010-A,E,G 7-1 (331) Dom III Comp 008-A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I Comp 009-A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N, O Comp 010-A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K Comp 011-A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H DomV Comp 012	t 3.2 Std.4 Component 4.2, 4.3 Texas ELPS Stnds (1) A,B,C,D E,F,G,H (2) A,B,C,D E,F,G,H I (3) A,B,C,D E,F,G,H I,J (4) A,B,C,D E,F,G,H I,J,K (5) A,B,C,D		Std. 5 (A) (i),(ii) (D) (i)	Observation Unit Plan Certify Teacher Constructed Response Writing Text/class Activities

Objectives	TEXES ELAR Exam Framework	NCTE, ILA, InTASC & ELPS	STR Stds/ Exam	Commissioner's Standards TAC 149.1000 1 Subchapter AA	Assessments, Assignments
		E,F,G (6) A,B,C, D InTASC 4,5,6			
The candidates will plan, implement, assess, and reflect on research-based, culturally responsive, instruction that increases motivation and active student engagement, and responds to diverse students' needs.	4-8 (217) Dom IV Comp 011 B,C,D,G,H,I Comp 012- A,E,F,G,H,I J Comp 013- C,D,E,G,H,I Comp 014- A,B,C,D,E,F 7-12 (331) Dom I Comp 001- A,B,D Comp 003- C	Std. 3 Component 3.1 Std.4 Component 4.1 Std.5 Component 5.2 ILA Std. 5 In TASC 1,2		Std. 4 (A) (i),(ii) (C) (i) (D) (ii),(iii) Std. 5 (D) (i) Std. 6 (A) (i),(ii), (iii) (B) (i),(ii) (C) (i), (ii) (D) (i), (ii), (iii)	Lesson Plan and Delivery with TTESS Observation Lesson Reflections (in Field Observation Portfolio) Post-Observation Reflection Conferences Unit Plan Certify Teacher Co-Teaching Log

See Appendix A for Complete Standards.

WCoEPS Philosophy & Conceptual Framework Overview

The West College of Education believes that learning changes both the individual and society. Developing resiliency and tolerance enhances an individual's potential. The individual becomes a critical thinker and an effective problem solver. Individuals with a cause beyond self contribute to an informed, democratic, and synergistic society. We will establish a reflective and collaborative community to enhance the potential of both the learner and society.

Our philosophy broadens the scope of the learning potential beyond the individual and into society. John Dewey firmly believed in the power of young minds in both learning the values of democracy and tackling its problems. Opportunities for "cause beyond self" are modeled by faculty and provided in their coursework. For example, MSU participates in the American Democracy Project sponsored by AACSU, and many of our syllabi reflect required service learning components. Giving back to the community is another way of opening doors. The outcomes for graduates and undergraduates of professional programs are based upon InTASC knowledge, skills, and dispositions in the following elements:

- 1.Learner Development - understand how learners grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas, and design and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences.
- 2.Learning Differences -understand individual differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.
- 3.Learning Environment - work with others to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, and that encourage positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.
- 4.Content Knowledge - understand the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make the discipline accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.
- 5.Application of Content - understand how to connect concepts and use differing perspectives to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving related to authentic local and global issues.
- 6.Assessment - understand and use multiple methods of assessment to engage learners in their own growth, to monitor learner progress, and to guide the teacher's and learner's decision making.
- 7.Planning for Instruction - plan instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, curriculum, cross-disciplinary skills, and pedagogy, as well as knowledge of learners and the community context.
- 8.Instructional Strategies - understand and use a variety of instructional

strategies to encourage learners to develop deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and to build skills to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.

9. Professional Learning and Ethical Practice - engage in ongoing professional learning and use evidence to continually evaluate his or her practice, particularly the effects of his or her choices and actions on others (learners, families, other professionals, and the community), and adapts practice to meet the needs of each learner.

10. Leadership and Collaboration - seek appropriate leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school professionals, and community members to ensure learner growth, and to advance the profession.

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

[Office of Student Conduct](#)

Acceptable Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools

AI is an amazing tool and can be a powerful reference and resource; however, it should be used as a reference/resource only. Passing another person or entity's work off as your own is dishonest and can also prevent you from properly learning the material you should in this course. Therefore, using AI to compose/create your assignments for you will not be tolerated. Assignments in which the professor suspects the majority was composed by AI will receive a zero. If a student receives a zero, the student may resubmit the work, revised in their own writing for half credit. The following are acceptable ways to use AI in this course but a citation must be provided to give credit to the AI program used:

- providing you an example answer to a question as resource (put answer into your own words)
- give you a template or provide you a format to follow
- assist with wording difficult concepts (then put into your own words for your assignment)
- researching topics to give you additional information or other viewpoints on a topic
- ideas for lesson activities

Table 1- Assignments and Points-

Assignments	Points
Certification Test Prep and Plan	50
Timelogs Documentation (includes 1 st 15 Days)	50
First 15 Days Reflection	50
Unit Plan Parts (5 @ 20)	100
Constructed Responses	50
Writing & Reading Module	50
Unit Plan Final (TK20)	100
Classroom Notebook (Reading/Writing Text/Class Activities)	150
Field Observation Portfolio (TK20)	100
Total Points	700

Table 2- Grading

The percentage of total points will determine final grade.

Grade	Percentage of total points
A	90%-100%
B	80%-89%
C	70%-79%
D	60%-69%
F	59% or less

Course Assignments and Assessments

Participation and Reading

Read all assignments carefully. Take notes during reading and any related lecture and /or discussion. You are responsible for the content of **all assigned reading**. Take notes over your reading and review these periodically. Participation is very important and contributes to the quality of your learning experience. You are expected to participate in all class activities; therefore, regular attendance (logging in frequently and participating in discussions) is crucial.

Textbook Assignments, Reading and Writing, and Classroom Activities

As stated above you will need to complete all readings and keep notes over the text. You will turn in all activities completed in the classroom as well as the assigned textbook activities. A chart for the textbook activities is in D2L

and the due dates for the class and textbook activities are posted below in the calendar. To complete the classroom activities, you must be in attendance. These activities include, but are not limited to the following topics, TEKS & ELPS mapping and analysis; ethics cases, language arts strands pedagogy, writing process applications, teaching poetry and drama and various other topics.

Writing and Reading Module

You will be completing a targeted module for reading and writing instruction that focuses on teaching and assessing developing readers and writers as well as characteristics and skill development.

Constructed Response: Writing Assessment & Literary Analysis

You will be given and asked to assess a student artifact focusing on writing in which you will compose a response that, among other things, addresses the student's strengths and weaknesses and provides an intervention strategy and an assessment of its efficacy. This will be discussed in detail in class and also in D2L. You will also complete a literary analysis response to demonstrate your understanding of literature and literary elements as well.

Field Experience Observation and Reflection Portfolio

The Field Experience Portfolio is a collection of the work completed during the field placement. You will be receiving feedback throughout the semester on your lesson plans and delivery; however, you are expected to submit the following for documentation in TK20.

Table of Contents

Lesson Plans: lesson plans for three lessons (lesson topic will be determined by your mentor teacher)

Lesson Reflections: a reflection is required for each lesson. Use your own experiences and lesson feedback in the post-observation conferences (from cooperating teacher and university instructor) to guide your data driven reflections.

TTESS Observation Forms: a copy of your observation completed by your university supervisor will be provided to you at your post-observation reflection conference. You will provide your mentor with a copy and you will include a copy in your portfolio signed by your mentor, university supervisor and yourself.

Summary of Field Experience: summary of the overall field experience

Student Artifacts: examples of pupils' work

Field Experience Validation: a time log AND a validation slip signed by the classroom teacher- "approved" screenshots from TK20 for hours

Mentor Evaluation Form: see mentor letter for instructions (include unopened and signed envelope in portfolio).

If you fail to upload all complete and legible documents to TK20 you will receive an Incomplete for the course if you are not otherwise failing.

Certification Test Preparation Plan and Documentation

All students in the course are required to pass the practice exam for all the exams you need to take (e.g., content, PPR, STR) with an overall 80% and 80% in each area. You will complete a plan and supply documentation that you have completed the Certify Teacher requirements in accordance with the policy in the WCoEPS handbook. The study modules contain very important information that will complement the classroom instruction that you are receiving; therefore, utilize the information for improving your knowledge and skills and not just for test prep. [Certification Testing Policy](#)

For this course you are required to complete the ELAR 4-7 or 4-8 and STR practice requirements according to the WCOEPS policy. If you fail to upload all complete and legible documents to D2L you will receive an Incomplete for the course if you are not otherwise failing.

Co Teaching Log

You will use the co-teaching model in your placement and utilize and document all of the models. See Appendix C.

Unit Plan

You will plan and design a unit which is focused on a theme and includes ELAR focused goals and objectives. Additionally, you will incorporate ELAR standards. There are five pieces which will be turned in throughout the semester with the final draft being turned in together in TK20 near the end of the course. If this is not uploaded to TK20 you will receive an Incomplete in the course unless you are failing otherwise and in that situation you will receive an F for the course. Detailed instructions will be provided in class.

Field Hours, Teaching, and Observations

You will be placed in a school where you will observe an expert teacher. With this in mind, you are a guest, but you are also expected to abide by all school policies. Additionally, as you are not an employee, your behavior, dress, speech, and general conduct must be above reproach. You need to speak and dress professionally at all times. If for any reason you are asked to leave or the mentor teacher or school deems your presence is no longer wanted on campus, you will not be given a new placement and you will not be able to finish the course and will receive an "F." In less severe cases you may receive a Fitness Alert, which you can read about in your student handbook. Also see Appendix C for dispositions related to being in the teacher education program.

You are expected to attend every observation and stay the whole amount of time (equivalent to the amount of time of class.) Leaving early or being late will be considered lack of professionalism and will not be tolerated. Three instances will be counted as an absence. Three absences from the class and the field combined will result in a "F" for the course- that means three absences total in our class on campus combined with the field. You are also not allowed to schedule hours on other days to substitute for missing your assigned days. Per TEA, there are no virtual hours when in the field so if you have an illness that prevents you from attending, you will need to drop and take the course at a later time. During this placement, you will engage in the co-teaching model and eventually teach three lessons on your own with both the mentor and your university supervisor present and accumulate a combined total of no fewer than 36 hours of observations and teaching at least half of which need to be when you are engaged in instructional activities and coded as such.

In addition, you will be completing a First 15 Days observation that will likely take place early in the semester before you begin your formal placement observations and teaching. You will have a lesson plan prepared and ready for that day for both your mentor teacher and supervisor. What you teach will be based on a collaboration between you and your mentor teacher and when you teach will be coordinated with both your supervisor and mentor. The plans, reflections, and signed observations forms are what you include in your portfolio for the class discussed above.

Failure to complete any of these tasks or documentation of will result in either a failing grade or an "Incomplete."

In order to begin clinical teaching, you must have earned no fewer than 50 hours of field observation time and at least half of that must be considered instructional time. We build this time in your foundational and methods courses, but you are ultimately responsible for keeping track of this and making sure you get your time completed.

Timelog Documentation

Throughout the course of your field observations, you will be submitting timelogs in TK20 that are sent to your cooperating teacher to verify your attendance and participation in the field. You must have at least 36 hours, at least half of which need to be when you are engaged in instructional activities and coded as such. They must be approved by the cooperating teacher. You will also be required to submit a separate timelog and reflection for the First 15 Days experience. This needs to be done weekly and you need to verify that they have been approved by logging in to TK20 periodically and checking. At the end of the course, date listed on the calendar, you need to upload a screen shot of every approved timelog to the appropriate dropbox in D2L. There is a place in TK20 where this is all on one screen so this will be one, maybe two pages that you submit. If you do not complete your timelogs and reflections that reflect the required number of hours and experiences, you will receive an Incomplete in the course unless you are failing otherwise and in that situation you will receive an F for the course.

MSU-TEXAS Policies and Procedures:

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exist in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request). For specific information and information regarding financial aid policies, contact the MSU business office.

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will

be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by MSU. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Grade Appeal Process

Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#)

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)/Brightspace

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor. *All assignments must be submitted to D2L/BRIGHTSPACE for this course unless otherwise specified in the assignment guidelines.*

Instructor Class Policies

Students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment

which is conducive to learning. Inappropriate behavior in the D2L online classroom or face-to-face classroom shall result, minimally, in a request to drop the class and/or a Professional Fitness Form will be filed for review with the college. If the instructor must file a Fitness Alert Form for any reason, including failure to demonstrate appropriate classroom behaviors, the student may receive an instructor drop with an "F" for the course.

An instructor may drop a student any time during the semester for failure to participate, for consistently failing to meet class assignments, for an indifferent attitude, or for disruptive conduct. The instructor must give the student a verbal or written warning prior to dropping the student from the class. An instructor's drop of a student takes precedence over the student-initiated course drop of a later date. The instructor will assign a grade of either WF or F through the first 8 weeks of a long semester, the first 6 weeks of a 10 week summer term, or the 11th class day of a 4 or 5 week summer term consisting of 20 days. After these periods the grade will be an F. The date the instructor drop form is received in the Office of the Registrar is the official drop date.

Attendance

Professional teachers are dependable, reliable, and responsible. Therefore, candidates are expected to be on time and in attendance at every class, and to stay for the entire class. Tardiness, leaving early, and excessive absences are considered evidence of lack of dependability and professionalism and are taken seriously.

You are expected to attend every class meeting and observation and stay the whole amount of time (equivalent to the amount of time of class.) instances will be counted as an absence. Three absences from the class and the field combined will result in an "F" for the course- that means three absences total in class on campus combined with the field. You are also not allowed to schedule hours on other days to substitute for missing your assigned days. Per TEA, there are no virtual hours when in the field so if you have an illness that prevents you from attending, you will need to drop and take the course at a later time in order to complete your hours and/or teaching.

Inclement Weather: In the event that the university is closed for a short time due to inclement weather, course work that is posted in the course calendar is still due unless a notification is posted in D2L on the News page stating otherwise. In most cases courses will not be offered digitally synchronously unless the closing extends beyond a brief period and is otherwise noted on the D2L News page. Students enrolled in courses with observations, internships, and field work, will follow their placement district's schedule.

Late Work

Assignments are expected to be turned in by the due date. Late work will receive 50% maximum credit.

Incomplete "I" Grade Designation

If you receive an Incomplete for the course due to unforeseen circumstances or because you did not complete one of the required WCOEPS or TEA assessments/activities or upload correctly to TK20, you will be notified only once. Neither the registrar nor your instructor will send reminders. It is your responsibility to download the necessary materials from D2L before the course closes and to contact your instructor for guidance on submitting the work to remove the Incomplete. The "I" will become an "F" two weeks after the course is complete (into the next long semester) if the required assignment is not complete and documented in TK20.

Written Work

All written work should be completed in a professional style. Using correct spelling and grammar are important writing skills you must know well because your students will learn from you. Therefore, all written assignments will have 10% -20% of the grade based on spelling and grammar. Expectations are for quality work.

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)/Brightspace

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into D2L through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor. All assignments must be submitted to D2L/BRIGHTSPACE for this course and should be in a PDF unless otherwise specified in the assignment guidelines. A minimum of 5% of the total points will be deducted for assignments not submitted through BRIGHTSPACE.

Plagiarism

"By enrolling in this course, the student expressly grants MSU a 'limited right' in all intellectual property created by the student for the purpose of this course. The 'limited right' shall include but shall not be limited to the right to reproduce the student's work product in order to verify originality, authenticity, and educational purposes." from [Student Handbook](#). All assignments submitted in BRIGHTSPACE will also be checked through Turn It In for originality. Assignments with more than 50% match will be given a 0.

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References Research Based Content and Pedagogy

This course utilizes research on best practices in the field of teaching. Additionally, content delivered for this course is based on accepted up to date research in the field. The following are some of the resources utilized to provide quality instruction to students enrolled in the class.

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Research in the Teaching of English: National Council for Teachers of English

The Reading Teacher: International Reading Association

Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy: International Reading Association

Reading Research Quarterly: International Reading Association

The Language Arts Journal: National Council of Teachers of English

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Appendix A Standards/Competencies List

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills and the English Language Proficiency Standards

This course utilizes the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills and the English Language Proficiency Standards to design and plan appropriate English language arts lessons and units.

Texas Education Agency. (2018). Educator's Code of Ethics. Retrieved August 1, 2022, from [TEA Texas Educator Code of Ethics](#)

Texas Education Agency [English Language Proficiency Standards \(ELPS\)](#) (See D2L for full list), Retrieved August 1, 2022.

Commissioner's Rules Concerning Educator Standards Texas Administrative Code Chapter 149 Subchapter AA Rule §149.1001

(1) Standard 1--Instructional Planning and Delivery. Teachers demonstrate their understanding of instructional planning and delivery by providing standards-based, data-driven, differentiated instruction that engages students, makes appropriate use of technology, and makes learning relevant for today's learners.

(A) Teachers design clear, well organized, sequential lessons that build on students' prior knowledge.

(i) Teachers develop lessons that build coherently toward objectives based on course content, curriculum scope and sequence, and expected student outcomes.

(ii) Teachers effectively communicate goals, expectations, and objectives to help all students reach high levels of achievement.

(iii) Teachers connect students' prior understanding and real-world experiences to new content and contexts, maximizing learning opportunities.

(B) Teachers design developmentally appropriate, standards-driven lessons that reflect evidence-based best practices.

(i) Teachers plan instruction that is developmentally appropriate, is standards driven, and motivates students to learn.

(ii) Teachers use a range of instructional strategies, appropriate to the content area, to make subject matter accessible to all students.

(iii) Teachers use and adapt resources, technologies, and standards-aligned instructional materials to promote student success in meeting learning goals.

(C) Teachers design lessons to meet the needs of diverse learners, adapting

methods when appropriate.

(i) Teachers differentiate instruction, aligning methods and techniques to diverse student needs, including acceleration, remediation, and implementation of individual education plans.

(ii) Teachers plan student groupings, including pairings and individualized and small-group instruction, to facilitate student learning.

(iii) Teachers integrate the use of oral, written, graphic, kinesthetic, and/or tactile methods to teach key concepts.

(D) Teachers communicate clearly and accurately and engage students in a manner that encourages students' persistence and best efforts.

(i) Teachers ensure that the learning environment features a high degree of student engagement by facilitating discussion and student-centered activities as well as leading direct instruction.

(ii) Teachers validate each student's comments and questions, utilizing them to advance learning for all students.

(iii) Teachers encourage all students to overcome obstacles and remain persistent in the face of challenges, providing them with support in achieving their goals.

(E) Teachers promote complex, higher-order thinking, leading class discussions and activities that provide opportunities for deeper learning.

(i) Teachers set high expectations and create challenging learning experiences for students, encouraging them to apply disciplinary and cross-disciplinary knowledge to real-world problems.

(ii) Teachers provide opportunities for students to engage in individual and collaborative critical thinking and problem solving.

(iii) Teachers incorporate technology that allows students to interact with the curriculum in more significant and effective ways, helping them reach mastery.

(F) Teachers consistently check for understanding, give immediate feedback, and make lesson adjustments as necessary.

(i) Teachers monitor and assess student progress to ensure that their lessons meet students' needs.

(ii) Teachers provide immediate feedback to students in order to reinforce their learning and ensure that they understand key concepts.

(iii) Teachers adjust content delivery in response to student progress through the use of developmentally appropriate strategies that maximize student engagement.

Standard 2—Knowledge of Students and Student Learning. Teachers work to ensure high levels of learning, social-emotional development, and achievement outcomes for all students, taking into consideration each student's educational developmental backgrounds and focusing on each student's needs.

(A) Teachers demonstrate the belief that all students have the potential to achieve at high levels and support all students in their pursuit of social-

emotional learning and academic success.

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(B) Teachers acquire, analyze, and use background information (familial, cultural, educational, linguistic, and developmental characteristics) to engage students in learning.

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(C) Teachers facilitate each student's learning by employing evidence-based practices and concepts related to learning and social-emotional development.

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(3) Standard 3--Content Knowledge and Expertise. Teachers exhibit a comprehensive understanding of their content, discipline, and related pedagogy as demonstrated through the quality of the design and execution of lessons and their ability to match objectives and activities to relevant state standards.

(A) Teachers understand the major concepts, key themes, multiple perspectives, assumptions, processes of inquiry, structure, and real-world applications of their grade-level and subject-area content.

(i) Teachers have expertise in how their content vertically and horizontally aligns with the grade-level/subject-area continuum, leading to an integrated curriculum across grade levels and content areas.

(B) Teachers design and execute quality lessons that are consistent with the concepts of their specific discipline, are aligned to state standards, and demonstrate their content expertise.

(i) Teachers organize curriculum to facilitate student understanding of the subject matter.

(ii) Teachers understand, actively anticipate, and adapt instruction to address common misunderstandings and preconceptions.

(C) Teachers demonstrate content-specific pedagogy that meets the needs of diverse learners, utilizing engaging instructional materials to connect prior content knowledge to new learning.

(i) Teachers teach both the key content knowledge and the key skills of the discipline.

Standard 4— Learning Environment. Teachers interact with students in respectful ways at all times, maintaining a physically and emotionally safe, supportive learning environment that is characterized by efficient and effective routines, clear expectations for student behavior, and organization that maximizes student learning.

(A) Teachers create a mutually respectful, collaborative, and safe community of learners by using knowledge of students' development and backgrounds.

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(C) Teachers establish, implement, and communicate consistent routines for effective classroom management, including clear expectations for student

behavior.

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(D) Teachers lead and maintain classrooms where students are actively engaged in learning as indicated by their level of motivation and on-task behavior.

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(5) Standard 5--Data-Driven Practice. Teachers use formal and informal methods to assess student growth aligned to instructional goals and course objectives and regularly review and analyze multiple sources of data to measure student progress and adjust instructional strategies and content delivery as needed.

(A) Teachers implement both formal and informal methods of measuring student progress.

(i) Teachers gauge student progress and ensure student mastery of content knowledge and skills by providing assessments aligned to instructional objectives and outcomes that are accurate measures of student learning.

(ii) Teachers vary methods of assessing learning to accommodate students' learning needs, linguistic differences, and/or varying levels of background knowledge. sharing timely and comprehensible feedback so they understand students' goals and progress.

(D) Teachers utilize the data they collect and analyze to inform their instructional strategies and adjust short- and long-term plans accordingly.

(i) Teachers design instruction, change strategies, and differentiate their teaching practices to improve student learning based on assessment outcomes.

(6) Standard 6--Professional Practices and Responsibilities. Teachers consistently hold themselves to a high standard for individual development, pursue leadership opportunities, collaborate with other educational professionals, communicate regularly with stakeholders, maintain professional relationships, comply with all campus and school district policies, and conduct themselves ethically and with integrity.

(A) Teachers reflect on their teaching practice to improve their instructional effectiveness and engage in continuous professional learning to gain knowledge and skills and refine professional judgment.

(i) Teachers reflect on their own strengths and professional learning needs, using this information to develop action plans for improvement.

(ii) Teachers establish and strive to achieve professional goals to strengthen their instructional effectiveness and better meet students' needs.

(iii) Teachers engage in relevant, targeted professional learning opportunities that align with their professional growth goals and their students' academic

and social-emotional needs.

(B) Teachers collaborate with their colleagues, are self-aware in their interpersonal interactions, and are open to constructive feedback from peers and administrators.

(i) Teachers seek out feedback from supervisors, coaches, and peers and take advantage of opportunities for job-embedded professional development.

(ii) Teachers actively participate in professional learning communities organized to improve instructional practices and student learning.

(C) Teachers seek out opportunities to lead students, other educators, and community members within and beyond their classrooms.

(i) Teachers clearly communicate the mission, vision, and goals of the school to students, colleagues, parents and families, and other community members.

(ii) Teachers seek to lead other adults on campus through professional learning communities, grade- or subject-level team leadership, committee membership, or other opportunities.

(D) Teachers model ethical and respectful behavior and demonstrate integrity in all situations.

(i) Teachers adhere to the educators' code of ethics in §247.2 of this title (relating to Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators), including following policies and procedures at their specific school placement(s).

(ii) Teachers communicate consistently, clearly, and respectfully with all members of the campus community, including students, parents and families, colleagues, administrators, and staff.

(iii) Teachers serve as advocates for their students, focusing attention on students' needs and concerns and maintaining thorough and accurate student records.

NCTE Standards for Initial Preparation of Teachers of English Language Arts-Initial Licensure 7-12

LEARNERS AND LEARNING IN ELA

Standard 1: Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge of learners and learning to foster inclusive learning environments that support coherent, relevant, standards-aligned, differentiated, and antiracist/antibias instruction to engage grade 7–12 learners in ELA.

- Component 1.1: Candidates gather and interpret comprehensive data on learners' individual differences, identities, and funds of knowledge to foster inclusive learning environments that actively engage all learners in ELA.

- Component 1.2: Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge of how the constructs of adolescence/adolescents and learners' identities affect learning experiences to foster coherent, relevant, inclusive, and antiracist/antibias

instruction that critically engages all learners in ELA.

- Component 1.3: Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge of learning processes that involve individually, collaboratively, and critically accessing, consuming, curating, and creating texts (e.g., print, digital, media).

ELA CONTENT KNOWLEDGE

Standard 2: Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge and theoretical perspectives, including antiracist/antibias ELA, pertaining to texts, composition, language, and languaging.

- Component 2.1: Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge and theoretical perspectives about a variety of literary and informational texts—e.g., young adult, classic, contemporary, and media—that represent a range of world literatures, historical traditions, genres, cultures, and lived experiences.
- Component 2.2: Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge and theoretical perspectives of the relationships among form, audience, context, and purpose by composing and critically curating a range of texts (e.g., print, digital, media).
- Component 2.3: Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge and theoretical perspectives of language and languaging, including language acquisition, conventions, dialect, grammar systems, and the impact of 3 languages on society as they relate to various rhetorical situations (e.g., journalism, social media, popular culture) and audiences.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICE: PLANNING FOR INSTRUCTION IN ELA

Standard 3: Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge of theories, research, and ELA to plan coherent, relevant, standards-aligned, differentiated, antiracist/antibias instruction and assessment.

- Component 3.1: Candidates use a variety of resources and technologies to plan coherent, relevant, standards-aligned, antiracist/antibias, and differentiated instruction that incorporates theories, research, and knowledge of ELA to support and engage all learners in meeting learning goals.
- Component 3.2: Candidates identify and/or design formative and summative assessments that reflect ELA research, align with intended learning outcomes, and engage learners in monitoring their progress toward established goals.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICE: IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTION IN ELA

Standard 4: Candidates implement planned coherent, relevant, standard saligned, differentiated, and antiracist/antibias ELA instruction and assessment to motivate and engage all learners.

- Component 4.1: Candidates implement coherent, relevant, standards aligned, differentiated and antiracist/antibias instruction that uses a variety of resources and technologies and incorporates theories, research, and knowledge of ELA to support and engage all learners in meeting learning

goals.

- Component 4.2: Candidates implement formative and summative assessments that reflect ELA research, align with intended learning outcomes, engage learners in monitoring their progress toward established goals, and guide the next steps of ELA instruction.
- Component 4.3: Candidates communicate with learners about their performance in ELA in multiple ways that actively involve them in their own learning (e.g., learning management systems, digital communication tools, conferencing, written feedback).

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF ELA TEACHERS

Standard 5: Candidates reflect on their ELA practice, use knowledge and theoretical perspectives to collaborate with educational community members, and demonstrate readiness for leadership, professional learning, and advocacy.

- Component 5.1: Candidates reflect on their own identities and experiences and how they frame their practices and impact their teaching of ELA.
- Component 5.2: Candidates use feedback and evidence from a range of sources to reflect upon and inform their practice.
- Component 5.3: Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge in collaboration with learners, families, colleagues, and ELA-related learning communities.
- Component 5.4: Candidates demonstrate readiness for leadership, professional learning, and advocacy for learners, themselves, and ELA.

Texas State Board for Educator Certification Teacher Standards

English Language Arts and Reading Grades 4-8 (TExES Standards)

Standard I. Oral Language: Teachers of students in grades 4–8 understand the importance of oral language, know the developmental processes of oral language, and provide a variety of instructional opportunities for students to develop listening and speaking skills.

Standard II. Foundations of Reading: Teachers of students in grades 4–8 understand the foundations of reading and early literacy development.

Standard III. Word Analysis Skills and Reading Fluency: Teachers understand the importance of word analysis skills (including decoding, blending, structural analysis, sight word vocabulary) and reading fluency and provide many opportunities for students to practice and improve their word analysis skills and reading fluency.

Standard IV. Reading Comprehension: Teachers understand the importance of reading for understanding, know the components of comprehension, and teach students strategies for improving their comprehension.

Standard V. Written Language: Teachers understand that writing is a developmental process and provide instruction that helps students develop competence in written communication.

Standard VI. Study and Inquiry Skills: Teachers understand the importance of study and inquiry skills as tools for learning and promote students' development in applying study and inquiry skills.

Standard VII. Viewing and Representing: Teachers understand how to interpret, analyze, evaluate, and produce visual images and messages in various media and to provide students with opportunities to develop skills in this area.

Standard VIII. Assessment of Developing Literacy: Teachers understand the basic principles of assessment and use a variety of literacy assessment practices to plan and implement instruction.

TExES English Language Arts Exam Framework for Grades 4-8 (217)

Domain I Foundations of Reading

Competency 001- (Foundations of Teaching Reading): Understand research-based, evidence-based, and culturally relevant foundational concepts, principles, and best practices related to reading instruction and assessment.
A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P,Q

Domain I Foundations of Reading

Competency 002- (Foundational Reading Skills): Understand concepts, principles, and best practices related to the development of foundational reading skills, and demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate, research- and evidence-based assessment and instructional practices to promote all students' development of grade-level foundational reading skills.
A,G,H

Domain I Foundations of Reading

Competency 003- (Word Analysis Skills and Reading Fluency): Understand concepts, principles, and best practices related to the development of word analysis skills and fluency, and demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate, research- and evidence-based assessment and instructional practices to promote all students' development of grade-level word analysis skills and reading fluency.

D,H,J,L,M,N,O,P

Domain I Foundations of Reading

Competency 004- (Vocabulary Development): Understand concepts, principles, and best practices related to vocabulary development, and demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate, research- and evidence-based assessment and instructional practices to promote all students' development of grade-level vocabulary knowledge and skills.

A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K

Domain II- Text Comprehension and Analysis

Competency 005- (Reading Comprehension Development): Understand concepts, principles, and best practices related to the development of reading comprehension, and demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate, research- and evidence-based assessment and instructional practices to promote all students' development of grade-level reading comprehension strategies.

A,B,C,D,G,H,J,K,L,M

Domain II- Text Comprehension and Analysis

Competency 006- (Reading Literary Texts): Understand the genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes of diverse traditional, contemporary, and classical literary texts; analyze how authors use these elements and characteristics to achieve specific purposes; and demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting students' ability to engage in text-based analyses of a range of complex literary texts.

A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J,K,L,M

Domain II- Text Comprehension and Analysis

Competency 007- (Reading Informational and Argumentative Texts): Understand the elements and characteristics of informational and argumentative texts, analyze how authors use these elements and characteristics to achieve specific purposes, and demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting students' ability to engage in text-based analyses of complex informational and argumentative texts.

A,B,C,D,E,G,H,I,J,K,N,O,P

Domain III- Oral and Written Communication

Competency 008- (Composition): Understand the characteristics of various genres of written text; apply knowledge of strategies for developing well-organized, engaging, written texts that achieve specific purposes for specific audiences; and apply knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting students' ability to develop well-organized, engaging,

written texts that achieve specific purposes for specific audiences.

B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,O,P

Domain III- Oral and Written Communication

Competency 009- (Inquiry and Research): Demonstrate knowledge of strategies for conducting focused inquiry and research and presenting the results in an appropriate, responsible, and ethical manner and of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting students' ability to conduct focused inquiry and research and present the results in an appropriate, responsible, and ethical manner.

A,B,C,D,G,H,I,K

Domain III- Oral and Written Communication

Competency 010—(Listening and Speaking): Demonstrate knowledge of strategies for critical listening and collaborative speaking and of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting students' skills in critical listening and collaborative speaking, including using differentiation strategies that are culturally and academically appropriate for all students.

A,C,D,E,G

Domain IV- Educating All Learners and Professional Practice

Competency 011—(Differentiation Strategies in Planning and Practice): Understand how to identify and implement developmentally and culturally appropriate strategies and data-driven practices to effectively teach and engage all learners.

B,C,D,G,H,I

Domain IV- Educating All Learners and Professional Practice

Competency 012—(Culturally Responsive Practices): Understand how to identify and implement culturally responsive, developmentally appropriate practices to effectively teach and engage all learners.

A,E,F,G,H,I,J

Domain IV- Educating All Learners and Professional Practice

Competency 013—(Data-Driven Practice and Formal/Informal Assessment): Understand the types, selection, and uses of data-driven, developmentally appropriate assessments and assessment practices to effectively support program improvement and all students' learning.

C,D,E,G,H,I

Domain IV- Educating All Learners and Professional Practice

Competency 014—(Constructed Response): In a written response, describe principles and strategies for developing standards-based, data-driven instruction that will help all students achieve a specific learning goal.

A,B,C,D,E,F

English Language Arts and Reading Grades 7-12 (TExES Standards)

Standard I. Teachers of students in grades 7–12 know how to design and implement instruction that is appropriate for each student, that reflects knowledge of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), that integrates all components of the English language arts (i.e., writing, reading, listening/speaking, viewing/representing), and that is based on continuous assessment.

Standard II. Teachers of students in grades 7–12 understand the processes of reading and teach students to apply these processes.

Standard III. Teachers of students in grades 7–12 understand reading skills and strategies for various types of nonliterary texts and teach students to apply these skills and strategies to enhance their lifelong learning.

Standard IV. Teachers of students in grades 7–12 understand an extensive body of literature and literary genres and provide students with opportunities to read diverse types of literature and to view literature as a source for exploring and interpreting human experiences.

Standard V. Teachers of students in grades 7–12 understand that writing is a recursive, developmental, integrative, and ongoing process and provide students with opportunities to develop competence as writers.

Standard VI. Teachers of students in grades 7–12 understand how to write effectively for various audiences and purposes and provide students with opportunities to write in a variety of forms and contexts.

Standard VII. Teachers of students in grades 7–12 understand the structure and development of the English language and provide students with opportunities to develop related knowledge and skills in meaningful contexts.

Standard VIII. Teachers of students in grades 7–12 understand oral communication and provide students with opportunities to develop listening and speaking skills.

Standard IX. Teachers of students in grades 7–12 understand how to interpret, analyze, and produce visual images and messages in various media and provide students with opportunities to develop skills in this area. (Texas State Board for Educator Certification, 2020).

TEExES Exam Framework for English Language Arts Grades 7-12 (331)

DOMAIN I—READING INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT

Competency 001 (Foundations of Reading Instruction and Assessment): Understand concepts, principles, and best practices related to reading instruction and assessment.

Competency 002 (Vocabulary Development): Understand concepts, principles, and best practices related to vocabulary development, and demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate, research- and evidence-based assessment and instructional practices to promote all students' development of grade-level vocabulary knowledge and skills.

Competency 003 (Reading Comprehension): Understand concepts, principles, and best practices related to the development of reading comprehension, and demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate, research- and evidence-based assessment and instructional practices to promote all students' development of reading comprehension strategies in order to gain, clarify, and deepen understanding of increasingly complex texts

DOMAIN II—TEXT COMPREHENSION AND ANALYSIS

Competency 004 (Reading Literary Texts): Understand the genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes of diverse literary texts, including works of fiction, poetry, and drama representing diverse time periods and perspectives in American, British, and world literature, and demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting students' ability to engage in text-based analyses of a range of complex literary texts.

Competency 005 (Reading Informational and Argumentative Texts): Understand the elements and characteristics of informational and argumentative texts, analyze how authors use these elements and characteristics to achieve specific purposes, and demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting students' ability to engage in text-based analyses of complex informational and argumentative texts

DOMAIN III—ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Competency 006 (Composition): Understand the characteristics of various

genres of written text and apply knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting students' ability to develop well-organized, engaging, written texts that achieve specific purposes for specific audiences.

Competency 007 (Inquiry and Research): Demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting students' ability to conduct focused inquiry and research and to present the results in an appropriate, responsible, and ethical manner across the curriculum.

Competency 008 (Listening and Speaking): Apply knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting students' skills in critical listening and collaborative speaking.

DOMAIN IV—EDUCATING ALL LEARNERS AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Competency 009 (Differentiation Strategies in Planning and Practice): Understand how to identify and implement developmentally appropriate strategies and data-driven practices to effectively teach and engage all learners.

Competency 010 (Culturally Responsive Practices): Understand how to identify and implement culturally responsive, developmentally appropriate practices to effectively teach and engage all learners.

Competency 011 (Data-Driven Practice and Formal/Informal Assessment): Understand the types, selection, and uses of data-driven, developmentally appropriate assessments and assessment practices to effectively support program improvement and all students' learning.

DOMAIN V - CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE

Competency 012 (Constructed Response): In a written response, describe principles and strategies for developing standards-based, data-driven instruction that will help all students achieve a specific learning goal.

Science of Teaching Reading Standards

Texas Administrative Code

Chapter 235

Subchapter E

Rule §235.101

- (a) Science of Teaching Reading (STR) Standards.

The STR standards identified in this section are targeted for classroom

teachers of early learners (birth through age eight). The standards address the discipline that deals with the theory and practice of teaching early reading. The standards inform proper teaching techniques, strategies, teacher actions, teacher judgements, and decisions by taking into consideration theories of learning, understandings of students and their needs, and the backgrounds and interests of individual students. The standards are also aligned with the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines and Chapter 110 of this title (relating to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading). The standards address early reading content knowledge in Prekindergarten-Grade 6, with an emphasis on Prekindergarten-Grade 3, in order to meet the needs of all early learners and address vertical alignment. Candidates in the following categories of classroom teachers will be assessed by the STR standards:

- (1) Early Childhood: Prekindergarten-Grade 3;
- (2) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 3;
- (3) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8;
- (4) English Language Arts and Reading with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8; and
- (5) English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8.

(b) Knowledge of Reading Development Components.

Classroom teachers identified in subsection (a) of this section demonstrate understanding of Kindergarten-Grade 6 Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills and the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines pertaining to reading and apply knowledge of developmentally appropriate, research- and evidence-based assessment, and instructional practices to promote students' development of grade level skills within the following components of reading:

- (1) oral language development;
- (2) print awareness and alphabet knowledge;
- (3) phonological and phonemic awareness;
- (4) phonics (decoding and encoding);
- (5) reading fluency;
- (6) vocabulary development;
- (7) syllabication and morphemic analysis;
- (8) comprehension of literary text;
- (9) comprehension of informational text; and
- (10) beginning strategies and reading comprehension skills.

(c) Reading Pedagogy.

Classroom teachers identified in subsection (a) of this section demonstrate understanding of the principles of reading instruction and assessment and use a range of instructional strategies and assessment methods to promote students' development of foundational reading skills, including:

- (1) providing explicit, systematic instruction that is sequential and multimodal (e.g., sequential lessons, gradual release model, structured literacy);
- (2) implementing both formal and informal methods of measuring student progress in early reading development;
- (3) implementing, designing, and executing developmentally appropriate, standards-driven instruction that reflect evidence-based best practices; and
- (4) acquiring, analyzing, and using background information (familial, cultural, educational, linguistic, and developmental characteristics) to engage all students in reading, including students with exceptional needs and English learners.

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Domain III—Reading Development: Comprehension

Competency 009—(Vocabulary Development): Understand concepts, principles, and best practices related to vocabulary development, and demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate, research- and evidence-based assessment and instructional practices to promote all students' development of grade-level vocabulary knowledge and skills.

Competency 010—(Comprehension Development): Understand concepts, principles, and best practices related to the development of reading comprehension, and demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate, research- and evidence-based assessment and instructional practices to promote all students' development of reading comprehension strategies in order to gain, clarify, and deepen understanding of appropriately complex texts.

Competency 011—(Comprehension of Literary Texts): Understand concepts, principles, and best practices related to the comprehension of and critical thinking about literary texts, and demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate, research- and evidence-based assessment and instructional practices to promote all students' development of gradelevel comprehension and analysis skills for literary texts.

Competency 012—(Comprehension of Informational Texts): Understand concepts, principles, and best practices related to the comprehension of and critical thinking about informational texts, and demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate, research- and evidence-based assessment and instructional practices to promote all students' development of grade-level comprehension and analysis skills for informational texts.

ILA Standards

Standard I- Candidates demonstrate knowledge of the theoretical, historical, and evidence-based foundations of literacy and language and the ways in which they interrelate and the role of literacy professionals in schools.

Standard II- Curriculum and Instruction- Candidates use foundational knowledge to critique and implement literacy curricula to meet the needs of all learners and to design, implement, and evaluate evidence-based literacy instruction for all learners.

Standard III- Candidates understand, select, and use valid, reliable, fair, and appropriate assessment tools to screen, diagnose, and measure student literacy achievement; inform instruction and evaluate interventions; participate in professional learning experiences; explain assessment results and advocate for appropriate literacy practices to relevant stakeholders.

Standard IV- Candidates demonstrate knowledge of research, relevant theories, pedagogies, essential concepts of diversity and equity; demonstrate and provide opportunities for understanding all forms of diversity as central to students' identities; create classrooms and schools that are inclusive and affirming; advocate for equity at school, district, and community levels

Standard V- Candidates meet the developmental needs of all learners and collaborate with school personnel to use a variety of print and digital materials to engage and motivate all learners; integrate digital technologies in appropriate, safe, and effective ways; foster a positive climate that supports a literacy-rich learning environment.

Standard VI- Candidates recognize the importance of, participate in, and facilitate ongoing professional learning as part of career-long leadership roles and responsibilities.

Standard VII- Candidates apply theory and best practice in multiple supervised practicum/clinical experiences

English Language Proficiency Standards

(1) Cross-curricular second language acquisition/learning strategies. The ELL uses language learning strategies to develop an awareness of his or her own learning processes in all content areas. In order for the ELL to meet grade-level learning expectations across the foundation and enrichment curriculum, all instruction delivered in English must be linguistically accommodated (communicated, sequenced, and scaffolded) commensurate with the

student's level of English language proficiency.

A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H

(2) Cross-curricular second language acquisition/listening. The ELL listens to a variety of speakers including teachers, peers, and electronic media to gain an increasing level of comprehension of newly acquired language in all content areas. ELLs may be at the beginning, intermediate, advanced, or advanced high stage of English language acquisition in listening. In order for the ELL to meet grade-level learning expectations across the foundation and enrichment curriculum, all instruction delivered in English must be linguistically accommodated (communicated, sequenced, and scaffolded) commensurate with the student's level of English language proficiency.

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(3) Cross-curricular second language acquisition/speaking. The ELL speaks in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes with an awareness of different language registers (formal/informal) using vocabulary with increasing fluency and accuracy in language arts and all content areas. ELLs may be at the beginning, intermediate, advanced, or advanced high stage of English language acquisition in speaking. In order for the ELL to meet grade-level learning expectations across the foundation and enrichment curriculum, all instruction delivered in English must be linguistically accommodated (communicated, sequenced, and scaffolded) commensurate with the student's level of English language proficiency.

A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J

(4) Cross-curricular second language acquisition/reading. The ELL reads a variety of texts for a variety of purposes with an increasing level of comprehension in all content areas. ELLs may be at the beginning, intermediate, advanced, or advanced high stage of English language acquisition in reading. In order for the ELL to meet grade-level learning expectations across the foundation and enrichment curriculum, all instruction delivered in English must be linguistically accommodated (communicated, sequenced, and scaffolded) commensurate with the student's level of English language proficiency. For Kindergarten and Grade 1, certain of these student expectations apply to text read aloud for students not yet at the stage of decoding written text.

A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K

(5) Cross-curricular second language acquisition/writing. The ELL writes in a variety of forms with increasing accuracy to effectively address a specific purpose and audience in all content areas. ELLs may be at the beginning, intermediate, advanced, or advanced high stage of English language acquisition in writing. In order for the ELL to meet grade-level learning expectations across foundation and enrichment curriculum, all instruction delivered in English must be linguistically accommodated (communicated, sequenced, and scaffolded) commensurate with the student's level of English language proficiency. For Kindergarten and Grade 1, certain of these student

expectations do not apply until the student has reached the stage of generating original written text using a standard writing system.

A,B,C,D,E,F,G

(6) Writing, Grades 2-12. ELLs in Grades 2-12 may be at the beginning, intermediate, advanced, or advanced high stage of English language acquisition in writing. The following proficiency level descriptors for writing are sufficient to describe the overall English language proficiency levels of ELLs in this language domain in order to linguistically accommodate their instruction.

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Appendix B

Additional Information

Active Shooter: The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit [Safety / Emergency Procedures](#). Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled "*Run. Hide. Fight.*" which may be electronically accessed via the University police department's webpage: "[Run. Hide. Fight.](#)"

Obligation to Report Sex Discrimination under State and Federal Law:
Midwestern State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. State and federal law require University employees to report sex discrimination and sexual misconduct to the University's Office of Title IX. As a faculty member, I am required to report to the Title IX Coordinator any allegations, personally observed behavior, or other direct or indirect knowledge of conduct that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination or sexual misconduct, which includes sexual assault, sexual harassment, dating violence, or stalking, involving a student or employee. After a report is made, the office of Title IX will reach out to the affected student or employee in an effort to connect such person(s) with resources and options in addressing the allegations made in the report. You are also encouraged to report any incidents to the office of Title IX. You may do so by contacting:

Laura Hetrick
Title IX Coordinator
Sunwatcher Village Clubhouse
940-397-4213
laura.hetrick@msutexas.edu

You may also file an online report 24/7 at [Online Report Form](#)

Should you wish to visit with someone about your experience in confidence, you may contact the MSU Counseling Center at 940-397-4618. For more information on the University's policy on Title IX or sexual misconduct, please visit <https://msutexas.edu/titleix/>

Appendix C

Teacher Education Program Requirements

Clinical experiences at the WCOEPS, including both initial clinical experiences (e.g. classroom observations) and clinical teaching, are an essential part of the professional preparation program. Clinical experiences vary across many WCOEPS undergraduate and graduate programs and are designed and implemented through collaboration with school district and community partners. WCOEPS teacher candidates gain essential knowledge, skills, and dispositions through observations and teaching opportunities in a wide variety of diverse settings (e.g. urban/rural, SES, special needs, race/ethnicity). WCOEPS believes in gradual release of responsibilities and exposes and evaluates teacher candidates throughout the program so as to provide them with the best learning experience. Below are the assessments that are used across courses and programs to effectively monitor teacher candidates' progress.

Dispositions

Candidates in the teacher education program are evaluated on their dispositions towards the 10 InTASC standards three times (beginning, middle, end) during their program in Educational Psychology, Professional Methods Block A, and Clinical Teaching in the following areas:

1. Candidates respect learners' differing strengths and needs and are committed to using this information to further each learner's development.
2. Candidates believe that all learners can achieve at high levels and persist in helping each learner reach his/her full potential.
3. Candidates are committed to working with learners, colleagues, families, and communities to establish positive and supportive learning environments.
4. Candidates realize that content knowledge is not a fixed body of facts but is complex, culturally situated, and ever evolving. He or she keeps abreast of new ideas and understandings in the field.
5. Candidates value flexible learning environments that encourage learner exploration, discovery, and expression across content areas.
6. Candidates are committed to using multiple types of assessment processes to support, verify, and document learning.
7. Candidates respect learners' diverse strengths and needs and are committed to using this information to plan effective instruction.
8. Candidates are committed to deepening awareness and understanding the strengths and needs of diverse learners when planning and adjusting instruction.
9. Candidates take responsibility for student learning and use ongoing analysis and reflection to improve planning and practice.
10. Candidates actively share responsibility for shaping and

supporting the mission of his/her school as one of advocacy for learners and accountability for their success.

Candidates are evaluated by faculty in those courses at a developing, beginning, and mastery level of competency as determined by the academic committee on program quality. The evaluation is based upon evidence gathered through classroom participation, assignments, observed field experiences and unit planning.

Data Literacy Assignment

Teacher candidates are expected to demonstrate the ability to interpret standardized test data and make instructional decisions based on the test data from students. At the conclusion of Classroom Assessment/Assessment in PE, students will develop an understanding of assessment practices that enable them to accurately read and interpret testing data. In addition, teacher candidates will apply concepts learned in the course to explain what the data means and what, if any, interventions should be implemented for targeting specific groups of students. By identifying weak areas of conceptual understanding of their students, teacher candidates can create appropriate instructional strategies that lead to greater student success.

Lesson Planning

Teacher candidates must demonstrate the ability to plan, assess, and implement instruction. This begins in the Foundational block where the teacher candidates create and write lessons for effective teaching. Teacher candidates are required to develop lesson plans. The specific format can be adapted, but should always include the objectives (TEKS), procedures, materials/resources, and assessment. Student engagement is a key element in a good lesson with a goal of student learning/success is the ultimate goal. Candidates must form an assessment strategy to determine the extent to which students are able to master learning of objectives. Candidates also describes the instructional delivery method addressing the following step-by-step procedures:

1. Questions and concerns listed in the directions given to you by your instructor
2. Setting purposes ("Today we will be...I want you to...because you will...")
3. Method(s) for engaging students in the lesson
4. Any questions asked during the lesson should be in bold
5. Higher order thinking reflected in questions
6. Instructional Strategies: Modeling, Discussion, "Hands-on", Inquiry, etc.
7. Grouping: when and how
8. Instruction that addresses learners' needs (ELLs, Special Education, 504, Gifted, Struggling Learner)
9. Closure

After teaching the lesson, candidates are then required to reflect on the lesson delivery, appropriateness of instructional strategies, impact for future planning, and opportunities for collaboration with mentor teacher. The skills acquired during lesson planning provides the foundation and are also built upon for unit planning and other key assessments.

Unit Plan

Teacher candidate's ability to demonstrate the ability to plan, assess, and implement instruction continues in the professional block with the Unit plan assessment. The unit plan assessment is a modified form of Midwestern Impact on Student Learning (MISL) that requires teacher candidates to plan a unit of teaching. Candidates are required to determine a set of multiple learning objectives aligned to state content standards Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) appropriate to the lesson(s) the candidate is preparing.

Co-Teaching

West College of Education adopts a co-teaching model for the candidates during their clinical experiences. These strategies include the following:

One Teach, One Observe — One teacher has primary instructional responsibility while the other gathers specific observational information on students or the (instructing) teacher. The key to this strategy is to have a focus for the observation.

- One Teach, One Assist — One teacher has primary instructional responsibility while the other teacher assists students with their work, monitors behaviors, or corrects assignments.
- Station Teaching — The co-teaching pair divide the instructional content into parts and the students into groups. Groups spend a designated amount of time at each station. Of-ten an independent station will be used.
- Parallel Teaching — Each teacher instructs half of the students. The two teachers are addressing the same instructional material and present the lesson using the same teaching strategy. The greatest benefit is the reduction of student to teacher ratio.
- Supplemental Teaching — This strategy allows one teacher to work with students at their expected grade level, while the co-teacher works with those students who need the information and/or materials extended or remediated.
- Alternative/Differentiated Teaching — Alternative teaching strategies provide two different approaches to teaching the same information. The learning outcome is the same for all students, however the instructional methodology is different.

- Team Teaching — Well planned, team taught lessons, exhibit an invisible flow of instruction with no prescribed division of authority. Using a team teaching strategy, both teachers are actively involved in the lesson. From a student's perspective, there is no clearly defined leader, as both teachers share the instruction, are free to interject information, and available to assist students and answer questions. (Adapted from Cook & Friend (1995))

MISL- Midwestern Impact on Student Learning

Successful completion and submission of a MISL portfolio is required during the first six weeks of clinical teaching. Teachers candidates are required to plan, implement, and assess student learning within a unit of study. The Midwestern Impact on Student Learning (MISL) measures content knowledge, pedagogical knowledge, and effect on student learning in the following areas/domains : Learning Environments; Individual Development and Diversity; Collaboration; Planning Process and Content; Assessment; Strategies and Methods; Reflection; Professional Development; and Communication.

Each of the 10 areas is scored with one of 4 ratings: Exemplary 4, Competent 3, Needs Improvement 2, and Unsatisfactory 1. An overall score of 20 (meets expectations) is required for successful completion of student teaching for all teacher candidates.

The MISL is a record of candidates' ability to carefully consider all contextual factors that influence instruction and to then use those factors to plan and design a unit of instruction, including an assessment plan that can demonstrate changes in student knowledge, skills, or dispositions resulting from instruction. The MISL includes both reflexive (description of instructional decision making during the unit) and reflective components that encourage candidates to plan instruction strategically and to approach teaching in a purposeful, thoughtful, and methodical manner.

*In the calendar below, bold items indicate assignments/tasks that are to be uploaded to D2L by the date to the right.

Course Calendar

Week	Activities/Assignments/Exams	Due Date
Week 1	Key Assessments, Certify Teacher; Stndrds Background checks, Child Protection Training , Ethics, Co-Teaching Model Chapter 1 & 2- Read and Complete Textbook Activities Certify Teacher Sign Up Verification	Sunday 8/31 11:59 PM
Week 2	Chapter 11 - Foundations and Unit Planning Read and Complete Textbook Activities; Unit Plan Chapter 3 -Teaching about MUGS and Vocabulary Read and Complete Textbook Activities Certify Teacher Personal Plan- D2L	Sunday 9/7 11:59 PM
Week 3	Chapter 5 -Writing- Writing Process Read and Complete Textbook Activities 5 Brushstrokes: Poetry & other modes/genres	Sunday 9/14 11:59 PM
Week 4	Chapter 6 - Writing Assessments- Constructed Response- D2L Rubrics-holistic/analytic Read and Complete Textbook Activities	Sunday 9/21 11:59 PM
Week 5	Chapter 7 & 10 - Reading Read and Complete Textbook Activities Genres, assessment	Sunday 9/28 11:59 PM

Week	Activities/Assignments/Exams	Due Date
Week 6	Chapter 8- Reading Teaching Shakespeare Read and Complete Textbook Activities	Sunday 10/5 11:59 PM
Week 7	Field Observations/ Observe Chapter 4- Reading and Responding Read and Complete Textbook Activities	Sunday 10/12 11:59PM
Week 8	Field Observations/ Co-teaching Reading/Writing Module- D2L	Friday 10/19 11:59 PM
Week 9	Field Observations/ Co-teaching Unit Plan Part 1&2- D2L	Sunday 10/26 11:59PM
Week 10	Field Observations/ Teaching Chapter 9 Read and Complete Textbook Activities	Sunday 11/2 11:59PM
Week 11	Field Observations/Teaching Unit Part 3&4- D2L	Sunday 11/9 11:59 PM
Week 12	Field Observations/ Teaching Unit Part 5- D2L	Sunday 11/16 11:59 PM
Week 13	Field Observations/Teaching Final Unit Plan (to TK20)	Sunday 11/23 11:59 PM
Week 14	Field Observations/ Wrap Up Chapter 12 Read and Complete Textbook Activities Completed Timelog Screenshots Documentation Due in D2L	Tuesday 12/2 11:59 PM

Week	Activities/Assignments/Exams	Due Date
Week 15	Field Observation Portfolio Due in TK20 Certify Teacher Completed- documentation uploaded to D2L	Sunday 12/7 11:59 PM
Week 16	Finals Week Week 16 and 17 may be used for field observation hours in the event that inclement weather or other issues caused school closures that resulted in block students not completing their required hours.	

Notice

Due to the nature of school placement, this calendar will likely change. Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor with notice. Any changes will be posted in D2L.