

ELA 6-8 Clarification Language

The Instructional Practices Committee (district leadership and PAT Instruction & Professional Development Committee) met on Tuesday, September 24, 2024. We wanted to take a moment to clarify some confusion around the **6-8 ELA curriculum and assessment expectations**:

- The pacing guides are **suggested** pacing guides. The district expectation is to be in the unit for the quarter and begin a new unit every quarter as indicated by the scope and sequence.
- District expectations are to use the Analyze and Apply plus Collaborate and Compare texts from the HMH unit.
- District expectations are to use the provided **HMH 15-question Reading assessment** (embedded audio clips are NOT necessary; you do NOT need a class set of headphones) and the **End of Unit Writing assessment**. However, ***the timing of those assessments can be anywhere within the quarter***. Please work with your content PLC to determine timing.
 - Here is the HMH assessment [How To Guide](#) from a message sent by Anjene Bryant on August 30
- The order you do these in is up to you and your PLC. Some things may require more or less time depending on your students' needs. Make adjustments as necessary.
- Suggestion - Make a copy of the pacing guide for the quarter and make edits depending on things like MAP testing, Outdoor School, when you want to do the assessments, etc.
- **Pacing Guides & Outdoor School (6th Grade Only)**: A big thank you to those who've asked about pacing! Depending on when your students attend Outdoor School, you may omit one text (ELA) and one lesson (SS) of your choice during the quarter your students are attending outdoor school. End-of-unit assessments and DBQs (Social Sciences) are still required.
- By September 30, 2024, the answer key for the Q1 Reading assessment will be uploaded to the ELA Playbook in the assessment chart.