2017 ELAR/ SLAR TEKS ONE-PAGER FOR ADMINISTRATORS

The New Strands!

★ different from current strands, not a re-alignment or streamlining

Foundational Skills

K-5 emphasis on phonics & phonological awareness

★ K-12 sustained, self-selected, independent reading

Comprehension

★ replaces & enhances current
Fig. 19

Response

★ pairs with Comprehension strand to make learning & thinking visible

Multiple Genres

★ increasingly
complex diverse,
 classic,
 contemporary,
 traditional, &
 multimodal texts

Author's Purpose & Craft

* analysis of mentor texts to then apply in own writing, integrated reading & writing

Composition

★ conventions taught authentically within the writing process in the editing step (not in isolation)

Inquiry & Research

★ short-term and longer research tasks, incorporated throughout genre work

ELAR/SLAR TEKS Considerations for Administrators

Reading & writing must be taught together in an interconnected and recursive way.

How will the master schedule and teaching assignments be affected?

Teachers will design lessons for students to have opportunities to listen, speak, read, write, and think daily.

What will you look for during walk-throughs and observations?

The standards have new strands with new skills to be taught.

What training, supports, and resources will your teachers need to be able to implement them?

High-quality instructional materials (textbooks and online portals) will support the implementation of the RLA TEKS.

What training, supports, and resources will your teachers and students need to get the most benefit from RLA HQIM?

| T-TESS Domains & Dimensions | new TEKS |
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| PLANNING 1.1 Standards & Alignment ★ All goals, objectives, activities, materials, and assessments aligned to standards ★ Lesson cycle logically sequenced with time for lesson, student work, reflection, and closure | ★ Thorough unpacking of the new TEKS and the philosophy behind them ★ Explicit reading/writing connections ★ Use of the Workshop model as a structure for the lesson cycle |
| 1.4 Activities ★ Instructional groups based on needs of students ★ Activities, resources, and technology aligned to standards, appropriate for ability levels, actively engage students | ★ Frequent formative checks using Response SEs to inform groupings ★ Student tasks reflect the increasing rigor and intent of the standard(s) |
| INSTRUCTION 2.2 Content Knowledge & Expertise ★ Conveys a depth of content knowledge and connections to other disciplines/ real world ★ Provides opportunities for different types of thinking | ★ Listening, speaking, reading, writing, & thinking are included in every strand ★ Opportunities for cross-curricular connections are embedded |
| 2.3 Communication ★ Supports student-directed learning by balancing wait time, questioning and student response | ★ Response strand SEs★ Emphasis on academic oracy |
| 2.4 Differentiation ★ Provides differentiated methods and content to support all learners | ★ Different scaffolds and accommodations provided for ELs and Special Ed students ★ Increasingly complex texts based on each student's personal reading level & interests |
| LEARNING ENVIRONMENT 3.3 Classroom Culture ★ Students engaged in relevant, meaningful learning ★ Teacher adjusts lessons based on students' interests and abilities | ★ Self-selected, sustained independent reading ★ Authentic reading and writing tasks ★ Teacher read-alouds |
| PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES & RESPONSIBILITIES 4.3 Professional development ★ Actively and collaboratively participates in all professional development activities | ★ New TEKS trainings for all teachers ★ Instructional materials trainings ★ Curriculum (re)design days |