### Arizona English Language Arts Standards: Grade 4 Summary of Changes

#### Standards, Curriculum, and Instruction

Standards are what a student needs to know, understand, and be able to do by the end of each grade. Standards build across grade levels in a progression of increasing understanding and through a range of cognitive demand levels. Standards are adopted at the state level by the State Board of Education.

Curriculum refers to the resources used for teaching and learning the standards. Curricula are adopted at the local level by districts and schools.

Instruction refers to the methods used by teachers to teach their students. Instructional techniques are employed by individual teachers in response to the needs of students in their classes to help them progress through the curriculum in order to master the standards.

#### Overarching Changes to the 2016 Arizona ELA Standards (Impact K-12)

• The required percentages for the use of literary and informational texts across the school day have been removed. There are still 10 Reading Informational Text and 9 Reading Literature standards at each grade level, so a balance of texts is necessary. However, that balance is now determined at the local level.

• The 6-12 Literacy Standards for History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects have been removed. Grades 6-12 content area teachers will now integrate the new ELA Reading Informational Text, Writing, and Speaking & Listening standards in place of the Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History, Science, and Technical Subjects.

• The two text complexity standards in grades 2-12 now require the use of quantitative and qualitative measures to determine the appropriateness of a text for a specific gradelevel. Guidance on text complexity is found in the glossary.

• Examples in the standards that reference specific works or authors have been removed, as curricular items are adopted at the local level.

• A new K-5 Writing: Foundational Skills sub-strand was added to the standards to work with the K-5 Reading: Foundational Skills sub-strand and the Language strand to support early literacy skills.

4th Grade Standards	
• 4.RF.3.a	• AZ.4.RI.10 (This standard is subsumed in 4.RI.10.)
• 4.RF.3.b	• AZ.4.W.4 (This standard is subsumed in 4.W.4.)
• 4.RF.3.c	• AZ.4.L.1
• 4.WF.1	
• 4.L.1.a	
• 4.L.1.b	
• 4.L.1.c	
• 4.L.1.d	
• 4.L.1.e	
• 4.L.1.f	
• 4.L.1.g	
• 4.L.1.h	

Moves within the 2016 Arizona	Parameter Changes/Clarifications to the 2016 Arizona ELA 4th Grade Standards
• 4.L.4.a (2010) moved to 4.L.4.b (2016) • 4.L.4.b (2010) moved to 4.L.4.a (2016)	<ul> <li>4.RL4 - Changed "Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., Herculean)" to "Determine the meaning of words, phrases, and figurative language found in stories, poetry, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures, including those that allude to significant characters."</li> <li>4.RL.5 - Changed "Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text" to "Explain the overall structure and major differences between poetry, drama, and prose."</li> <li>4.RL.10 - Added language about using qualitative and quantitative elements for determining text complexity. See glossary for guidance on text complexity.</li> <li>4.RL.3 - Changed "decoding words" to "decoding multisyllabic words in context and out of context."</li> <li>4.W.6 - Changed "to type a minimum of one page in a single sitting" to "to complete a writing task."</li> <li>4.W.9.a - Removed the parenthetical examples.</li> <li>4.SL.1.d - Changed "in light of" to "based on."</li> <li>4.L.5.c - Added the words "antonyms" and "synonyms" to the standard.</li> </ul>
Areas of Emphasis to Consider	

encoding, sentence construction, grammar, and punctuation skills.

• The Writing: Foundational Skills standards call for spelling progressions starting with letter-sound correspondences in grades K-1 (WF.3), moving to patterns and syllables in grades 2-3 (WF.3), and then to morphology (Greek and Latin roots/affixes) in grades 4-5 (4.L.2.d, 4.RF.3 and 5.L.2.e, 5.RF.3).

• The Reading: Foundational Skills call for students to know and apply knowledge of the six syllable types to decode increasingly complex grade appropriate words in grades 1-5 (RF.3).

• The standards call for students to build knowledge through reading in all content areas.

• The standards call for students to speak and write about what they read by drawing upon evidence from the text.

• The standards call for students to closely and carefully read complex grade-level text.

• The standards call for students to focus on academic language when speaking, reading, and writing.

## 2010 Arizona English Language Arts Standards

Reading Standards for	Literature
Key Ideas and Details	
4.RL.1	Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
4.RL.2	Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.
4.RL.3	Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions).
Craft and Structure	
4.RL.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., Herculean).
4.RL.5	Explain major differences between poems,
4.RL.6	Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations.
Integration of Knowle	dge and Ideas
4.RL.7	Make connections between the text of a story or drama and a visual or oral presentation of the text, identifying where each version reflects specific descriptions and directions in the text.
4.RL.8	(Not applicable to literature)

# 2016 Arizona English Language Arts Standards

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4.RL.3	Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions).	
Craft and Structure		
4.RL.4	Determine the meaning of words, phrases, and figurative language found in stories, poetry, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures, including those that allude to significant characters.	
4.RL.5	Explain the overall structure and major	
4.RL.6	Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first-and third-person narrations.	
Integration of Knowledge and I	deas	
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4.RL.8	(Not applicable to literature)	

4.RL.9	Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes and topics (e.g., opposition of good and evil) and patterns of events (e.g., the quest) in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.
Range of Reading and Level of Tex	t Complexity
4.RL.10	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, in the grades 4–5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
Reading Standards for Information	al Text
Key Ideas and Details	
4.RI.1	Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
4.RI.2	Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.
4.RI.3	Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text
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Range of Reading and Level of Te	xt Complexity
4.RL.10	By the end of the year, proficiently and independently read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, in a text complexity range determined by qualitative and quantitative measures appropriate to grade 4.
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Craft and Structure	

4.RI.4	Determine the meaning of general academic and
	domain-specific words or phrases in a text
	relevant to a grade 4 topic or subject area.
4.RI.5	Describe the overall structure (e.g., chronology,
	comparison, cause/effect, and
	problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or
	information in a text or part of a text.
4.RI.6	Compare and contrast a firsthand and
	secondhand account of the same event or topic;
	describe the differences in focus and the
	information provided.
Integration of Knowledge	
4.RI.7	Interpret information presented visually, orally,
	or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs,
	diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive
	elements on Web pages) and explain how the
	information contributes to an understanding of
	the text in which it appears.
4.RI.8	Explain how an author uses reasons and
	evidence to support particular points in a text.
4.RI.9	Integrate information from two texts on the
	same topic in order to write or speak about the
	subject knowledgeably.
Range of Reading and Lev	el of Text Complexity
4.RI.10	By the end of year, read and comprehend
	informational texts, including history/social
	studies, science, and technical texts, in the
	grades 4–5 text complexity band proficiently,
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	the range.

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4.RI.9	Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.
Range of Reading and Level of Tex	t Complexity
4.RI.10	By the end of the year, proficiently and independently read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in a text complexity range determined by qualitative and quantitative measures appropriate to grade 4.

AZ.4.RI.10	a. By the end of year, read and comprehend		
	functional texts, including history/social studies,		
	science, and technical texts, in the grades 4–5		
	text complexity band proficiently, with		
	scaffolding as needed at the high end of the		
	range.		
Reading Standards: Four		Re	eading
Phonics and Word Recog	gnition	Pł	honics
4.RF.3	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words. a. Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.	4.1	RF.3
Fluency		Fl	uency
4.RF.4	Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. a. Read on-level text with purpose and understanding. b. Read on-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings. c. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as	4.1	RF.4
	necessary.		
Writing Standards	necessary.	w	/riting

Reading Standards: Foundational S	škills
Phonics and Word Recognition	
4.RF.3	Know and apply phonics and word analysis skills
	in decoding multisyllabic words in context and
	out of context.
	a. Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound
	correspondences to read unfamiliar multisyllabic
	words accurately.
	b. Apply knowledge of the six syllable patterns
	to read grade level words accurately.
	c. Use combined knowledge of morphology (e.g.,
	roots and affixes) to read grade level words
	accurately.
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	a. Read grade-level text with purpose and
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	b. Read grade-level prose and poetry orally with
	accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on
	successive readings.
	c. Use context to confirm or self-correct word
	recognition and understanding, rereading as
	necessary.
Writing Standards	
Text Types and Purposes	

4.W.1	<ul> <li>Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.</li> <li>a. Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support the writer's purpose.</li> <li>b. Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details.</li> <li>c. Link opinion and reasons using words and phrases (e.g., for instance, in order to, in addition).</li> <li>d. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.</li> </ul>	2	4.W.1	<ul> <li>Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.</li> <li>a. Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support the writer's purpose.</li> <li>b. Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details.</li> <li>c. Link opinion and reasons using words and phrases (e.g., for instance, in order to, in addition).</li> <li>d. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.</li> </ul>
4.W.2	<ul> <li>Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.</li> <li>a. Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</li> <li>b. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.</li> <li>c. Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., another, for example, also, because).</li> <li>d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.</li> <li>e. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.</li> </ul>		4.W.2	<ul> <li>Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.</li> <li>a. Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</li> <li>b. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.</li> <li>c. Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., another, for example, also, because).</li> <li>d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.</li> <li>e. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.</li> </ul>

4.W.3	3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined	4.W.3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined
	experiences or events using effective technique,		experiences or events using effective technique,
	descriptive details, and clear event sequences.		descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
	a. Orient the reader by establishing a situation		a. Orient the reader by establishing a situation
	and introducing a narrator and/or characters;		and introducing a narrator and/or characters;
	organize an event sequence that unfolds		organize an event sequence that unfolds
	naturally.		naturally.
	b. Use dialogue and description to develop		b. Use dialogue and description to develop
	experiences and events or show the responses		experiences and events or show the responses
	of characters to situations.		of characters to situations.
	c. Use a variety of transitional words and		c. Use a variety of transitional words and
	phrases to manage the sequence of events.		phrases to manage the sequence of events.
	d. Use concrete words and phrases and sensory		d. Use concrete words and phrases and sensory
	details to convey experiences and events		details to convey experiences and events
	precisely.		precisely.
	e. Provide a conclusion that follows from the		e. Provide a conclusion that follows from the
	narrated experiences or events.		narrated experiences or events.
Production and Distribut	tion of Writing	<b>Production and Dist</b>	ribution of Writing
4.W.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the	4.W.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the
	development and organization are appropriate		development and organization are appropriate
	to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific		to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific
	expectations for writing types are defined in		expectations for writing types are defined in
	standards 1–3 above.)		standards 1–3 above).
AZ.4.W.4	a. Produce clear and coherent functional writing		
	(e.g., friendly and formal letters, recipes,		
	experiments, notes/messages, labels,		
	graphs/tables, procedures, invitations,		
	envelopes) in which the development and		
	organization are appropriate to task and		
	purpose.		
4.W.5	With guidance and support from peers and	4.W.5	With guidance and support from peers and
	adults, develop and strengthen writing as		adults, develop and strengthen writing as
	needed by planning, revising, and editing.		needed by planning, revising, and editing.
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4.W.6	With some guidance and support from adults,
	use technology, including the Internet, to
	produce and publish writing as well as to
	interact and collaborate with others;
	demonstrate sufficient command of
	keyboarding skills to type a minimum of one
	page in a single sitting.
Research to Build and Present	
4.W.7	Conduct short research projects that build
	knowledge through investigation of different
	aspects of a topic.
4.W.8	Recall relevant information from experiences or
	gather relevant information from print and
	digital sources; take notes and categorize
	information, and provide a list of sources.
4.W.9	Draw evidence from literary or informational
	texts to support analysis, reflection, and
	research.
	a. Apply grade 4 Reading standards to literature
	(e.g., "Describe in depth a character, setting, or
	event in a story or drama, drawing on specific
	details in the text [e.g., a character's thoughts,
	words, or actions].").
	b. Apply grade 4 Reading standards to
	informational texts (e.g., "Explain how an author
	uses reasons and evidence to support particular
	points in a text").
Range of Writing	
4.W.10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time
	for research, reflection, and revision) and
	shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or
	two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks,
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.W.6	With some guidance and support from adults, use technology, including the internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to complete a writing task.
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Speaking and Listenin Comprehension and C	
4.SL.1	<ul> <li>Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacherled) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.</li> <li>a. Come to discussions prepared having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.</li> <li>b. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.</li> <li>c. Pose and respond to specific questions to clarify or follow up on information, and make comments that contribute to the discussion and link to the remarks of others.</li> <li>d. Review the key ideas expressed and explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.</li> </ul>
4.SL.2	Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
4.SL.3	Identify the reasons and evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.

Sound Letter Basics and	Sound Letter Basics and Handwriting		
4.WF.1	Demonstrate and apply handwriting skills		
	a. Read and write cursive letters, upper and		
	lower case.		
	b. Transcribe ideas legibly and fluently with		
	appropriate spacing and indentation.		
Speaking and Listening	Standards		
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Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas		
4.SL.4	Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.	
4.SL.5	Add audio recordings and visual displays to presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.	
4.SL.6	Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion); use formal English when appropriate to task and situation. (See grade 4 Language standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.)	
Language Standards		
Conventions of Standard English		

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Language Standards		
Conventions of Standard English		

4.L.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of	4.L.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of
	Standard English grammar and usage when		Standard English grammar and usage when
	writing or speaking.		writing or speaking.
	a. Use relative pronouns (who, whose, whom,		a. Use relative pronouns (who, whose, whom,
	which, that) and relative adverbs (where, when,		which, that) and relative adverbs (where, when,
	why).		why).
	b. Form and use the progressive (e.g., I was		b. Form and use the progressive verb tenses
	walking; I am walking; I will be walking) verb		(e.g., I was walking; I am walking; I will be
	tenses.		walking).
	c. Use modal auxiliaries (e.g., can, may, must)		c. Use modal auxiliaries (e.g., can, may, must) to
	to convey various conditions.		convey various conditions.
	d. Order adjectives within sentences according		d. Order adjectives within sentences according
	to conventional patterns (e.g., a small red bag		to conventional patterns (e.g., a small red bag
	rather than a red small bag).		rather than a red small bag).
	e. Form and use prepositional phrases.		e. Form and use prepositional phrases.
	f. Produce complete sentences, recognizing and		f. Produce complete sentences, recognizing and
	correcting inappropriate fragments and run-		correcting inappropriate fragments and run-ons.
	ons.		g. Correctly use frequently confused words (e.g.,
	g. Correctly use frequently confused words		to, too, two; there, their).
	(e.g., to, too, two; there, their).		h. Write and organize one or more paragraphs
			that contain: a topic sentence, supporting
			details, and a conclusion that is appropriate to
			the writing task. (Construction of paragraph(s)
			should demonstrate command of Writing
			standards 1-3.)
AZ.4.L.1	h. Write and organize one or more paragraphs about a text.		

4.L.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of
	Standard English capitalization, punctuation,
	and spelling when writing.
	a. Use correct capitalization.
	b. Use commas and quotation marks to mark
	direct speech and quotations from a text.
	c. Use a comma before a coordinating
	conjunction in a compound sentence.
	d. Spell grade-appropriate words correctly,
	consulting references as needed.
Knowledge of Language	
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4.L.3	Use knowledge of language and its conventions
	when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
	a. Choose words and phrases to convey ideas
	precisely.
	b. Choose punctuation for effect.*
	c. Differentiate between contexts that call for
	formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and
	situations where informal discourse is
	appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion).
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	

4.L.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. a. Use correct capitalization. b. Use commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from a text. c. Use a comma before a coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence. d. Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.
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Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	

4.L.4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. a. Use context (e.g., definitions, examples, or restatements in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase. b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., telegraph, photograph, autograph). c. Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.	4.L.4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. a. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., telegraph, photograph, autograph). b. Use context (e.g., definitions, examples, or restatements in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase. c. Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauri), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.
4.L.5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. a. Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors (e.g., as pretty as a picture) in context. b. Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs. c. Demonstrate understanding of words by relating them to their opposites (antonyms) and to words with similar but not identical meanings (synonyms).	4.L.5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. a. Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors (e.g., as pretty as a picture) in context. b. Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs. c. Demonstrate understanding of words by relating them to their synonyms and antonyms.

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