

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS VIRTUAL TOOL-KIT

The following list of resources are keyed to the **Professional Learning Community** process. Principals and teachers are encourage to explore the tool-kit resources in preparation for a yearly curricular review.

### Tool-Kit Menu of Resources

### ELA Staff Readiness Survey/Discussion Questions

*Where do we begin?*

*Do my colleagues and I know and understand the grade level standards?*

*Do my colleagues and I understand what is meant by grade level progressions?*

*How do we use data to tell us about what our students learn, and how they learn?*

*How do we know if a student is learning?*

*What do we do if a student shows no evidence of progress? What do we do when a student excels?*

*What are the school goals related to learning? Do students create individual goals related to their learning?*



## SECTION ONE:

**Standards** - What are they? How are the standards helping students become college and career ready? How can I unpack the standards for my grade level? How do the standards impact what I am currently teaching? How do the standards develop over the grade levels?

Documents available for downloading	Websites
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Definition of Literacy</a> – Washington State, discussion starter for in-depth understanding of literacy. What are the expectations and implications of this definition? (OCS)</li> <li>2. <a href="#">Common Core Standards</a> – ELA, Math, Technical Subjects - View from PK-12 (OCS) If a school wants a paper copy of the standards with a view of PK-12.</li> <li>3. <a href="#">Learning Progressions</a> - Document explaining the Common Core Anchor Standards Learning Progressions - helpful to identify the content area connections to history, science, and technical subjects. Similar to the Learning Progressions Slider website.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. <a href="#">ELA Shift Kits</a> from the College of Education at Illinois State University. The website offers an in-depth kit for each of the shift with many wonderful resources including PowerPoints, and teacher hand-outs.</li> <li>9. <a href="#">K-12 Blueprint</a> – Toolkits, devices Blogs and Partners to assist in implementing the CCSS</li> <li>10. <a href="#">English Language Arts in a PLC at Work</a>, <i>Fisher, Frey, Uline</i> - Questions for grade level bands to ask when working to unpack the ELA Standards. A good resource for guiding questions in PLC groups.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Six Shifts in ELA CCSS</b> – Critical to a teacher’s full understanding of the ELA CCSS</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. <a href="#">Overview of ELA Skills and Concepts by Grade Level</a> – Washington State Map of Skills and Concepts Overview map that shows what students should know and be able to do when they exit K-12 system for life literacy.</li> <li>5. <a href="#">Overview of ELA CCSS Washington State</a> – Grade Level Standards listed on the OCS website and links to the state website for CCSS.</li> <li>6. <a href="#">Learning Progressions</a> “Slider” ELA CCSS are presented with yellow highlights identifying the learning progressions at each grade level - great visual for teachers to see the nuances of the anchor standard and how it is presented at each grade level.</li> <li>7. <a href="#">ELA Common Core Resources for Elementary Educators</a> Edutopia - wonderful website for ELA teachers of all grade levels with lesson ideas that drill down into each of the standards.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <a href="#">Six Shifts Overview</a> - Group Process - An OCS Power Point Presentation that offers a guide for a group to walk through the Six Shifts: Implications for students, teachers and needed resources. First slide gives an overview of the process for the facilitator.</li> <li>12. <a href="#">The Core Six Study Guide</a>– Recommended Book Study for Teachers. Study Guide by Susan Abelein, book by Matthew Perini</li> <li>13. <a href="#">Introduction to the ELA Literacy Shifts Professional Development Plan</a> – Achieve the Core Grades K-12 - includes a Power-Point presentation and hand-outs for participants to follow along. The Six Shifts referred to above are summarized into 3 shifts.</li> </ol>

## SECTION TWO: Writing, Reading, Speaking and Listening

Content Area - Writing	
Documents	Websites
<p>14. <a href="#">Observation Checklist for Student Approach to Writing</a> A checklist of student behavior conducive to successful writing - lists criteria for pacing/independence and the writing process.</p> <p>15. <a href="#">Grade Level Writing Opinion Products</a> – Types of opinion writing compiled by teachers at the Ed Leadership Institute, Summer 2014. This list is great for generating additional types of writing ideas.</p> <p>16. <a href="#">Core Standards Based Rubrics</a> Grades K-12 Rubrics for Foundational Skills Language, Literature, Information Text, Writing, and Mathematics</p> <p>17. <b>Write On!</b> – Information texts and associated prompts with grade level rubrics from Teacher Excellence Day 2014  <a href="#">Write On! Pre-K- K</a>  <a href="#">Write On! Grade 1</a>  <a href="#">Write On! Grade 2</a>  <a href="#">Write On! Grades 3-5</a>  <a href="#">Write On! Grade 6-12</a></p>	<p>18. <a href="#">200 Prompts for Argumentative Writing</a> – New York Times offers 200 prompts with associated articles appropriate for students 13 and older</p> <p>19. <a href="#">CCSS Argument/Opinion Writing</a> – Annotated samples of real student work from around the country, all grade levels, <i>Achieve the Core</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">PreK-K Argument Rubric</a></li> <li><a href="#">Grade 1 Argument Rubric</a></li> <li><a href="#">Grade 2 Argument Rubric</a></li> <li><a href="#">Grade 3 Argument Rubric</a></li> <li><a href="#">Grade 4-5 Argument Rubric</a></li> <li><a href="#">Grade 6-12 Argument Rubric</a></li> </ol> <p>20. <a href="#">CCSS Informative Explanatory Writing</a> – Annotated samples of real student work from around the country, all grade levels, <i>Achieve the Core</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">PreK-K Informative Rubric</a></li> <li><a href="#">Grade 1 Informative Rubric</a></li> <li><a href="#">Grade 2 Informative Rubric</a></li> <li><a href="#">Grade 3 Informative Rubric</a></li> <li><a href="#">Grade 4 Informative Rubric</a></li> <li><a href="#">Grade 5-6 Informative Rubric</a></li> <li><a href="#">Grade 7-8 Informative Rubric</a></li> <li><a href="#">Grade 9-10 Informative Rubric</a></li> </ol> <p>21. <a href="#">CCSS Narrative Writing</a> – Annotate samples of real student work from around the country all grade levels, <i>Achieve the Core</i></p>

Content Area - Reading	
Documents	Website
<p>22. <a href="#">Seven Questions to Help Develop Close Analytic Reading Exemplars</a> A series of seven questions that assist the teacher in developing rich and rigorous lessons that are based in core language.</p> <p>23. <a href="#">Examples of what text-based questions</a> are and what they are not.</p>	<p>26. <a href="#">Close Reading</a> – Article for PLC or whole staff discussion from ASCD Ed Leadership, December 2012, Volume 70, Number 4</p> <p>27. <a href="#">How to do a Close Reading</a> – article for middle and high school age teachers/ students from the Harvard College Writing Center</p>

<p>24. <a href="#">PowerPoint PD Module Text-Dependent Questions</a> Presentation that allows teachers to dive more deeply into what it means to recognize and create excellence text dependent questions for use in the classroom.</p> <p>25. <a href="#">Vocabulary Instruction – 5 Simple Steps for Effective Vocabulary Instruction – 2 page document</a></p>	<p>28. <a href="#">Text Complexity</a> This collection includes tools to help teachers with each step of the text complexity chart. Research is also provided to support teachers' understanding of text complexity.</p> <p>29. <a href="#">Text Complexity</a> -Video - Teaching Channel - a twenty minute video giving a simple overview of text complexity.</p> <p>30. <a href="#">A Close Look at Close Reading Scaffolding Students with Complex Texts</a> A guide to close reading including: definition, selection of texts with resources, steps in close reading, scaffolding student, a close reading template and sample lesson. Also included sample text dependent question stems.</p>
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**Content Area - Speaking and Listening**

Documents	Website
<p>31. <a href="#">Speaking and Listening Article from ASCD</a> – recommended book read.</p> <p>32. <a href="#">Core Standards Based Rubrics</a> Grades K-12 Rubrics for all content areas including speaking and listening.</p> <p>33. <a href="#">Speaking and Listening</a> Ideas, activities and resources for the primary classroom.</p>	

**SECTION THREE:** Assistance with the steps of the Unit Design and a template tracking the standards.

Unit Designs and Curriculum Mapping Template	
Documents	Website
<p>34. <a href="#">Unit Design Template – Archdiocese of Seattle</a></p> <p>35. <b>Curriculum Maps</b> - ELA CCSS grade level standards and “I Can” statements for each:  <a href="#">Curriculum Map of Unit Designs with Checklist of Standards - Grade 12</a></p> <p><a href="#">Curriculum Map of Unit Designs with Checklist of Standards - Grade 11</a></p> <p><a href="#">Curriculum Map of Unit Designs with Checklist of Standards - Grade 10</a></p> <p><a href="#">Curriculum Map of Unit Designs with Checklist of Standards - Grade 9</a></p> <p><a href="#">Curriculum Map of Unit Designs with Checklist of Standards – Grade 8</a></p> <p><a href="#">Curriculum Map of Unit Designs with Checklist of Standards – Grade 7</a></p> <p><a href="#">Curriculum Map of Unit Designs with Checklist of Standards – Grade 6</a></p> <p><a href="#">Curriculum Map of Unit Designs with Checklist of Standards – Grade 5</a></p> <p><a href="#">Curriculum Map of Unit Designs with Checklist of Standards – Grade 4</a></p> <p><a href="#">Curriculum Map of Unit Designs with Checklist of Standards – Grade 3</a></p> <p><a href="#">Curriculum Map of Unit Designs with Checklist of Standards – Grade 2</a></p> <p><a href="#">Curriculum Map of Unit Designs with Checklist of Standards – Grade 1</a></p> <p><a href="#">Curriculum Map of Unit Designs with Checklist of Standards – Grade K</a></p> <p><a href="#">Curriculum Map of Unit Designs with Checklist of Standards – Grade Pre-K</a></p>	<p>36. <a href="#">Power Point Mini-Lessons on Unit Guidelines</a> - Need help with Unit Planning? The Catholic Identity Curriculum Integration website offers mini lessons focusing on each section of the Unit Plan.</p> <p>37. <a href="#">Backward Design</a> - Including Close Reading Planning Sheet, Backward Design Summary, Text Set Planner and a Year-Long Template.</p> <p>38. <a href="#">Shared Units</a> - Units that have been reviewed and met the criteria.</p> <p>39. <a href="#">Unit Review Criteria Worksheet</a> - Questions to identify Unit Plan areas to strengthen.</p> <p>40. <a href="#">Text Sets</a> - Teachers from the Ed. Leadership Summer Institute generated a list of grade level text sets. FIX THIS.</p>

**SECTION FOUR:** Based on the data, tools to assist in differentiation to help meet the needs of diverse learners.

Differentiation to meet the CCSS	
Documents	Websites
<p>41. <a href="#">Unit Design Template – Archdiocese of Seattle</a> Unit Design Template contains a sections on including the needs for diverse learners.</p> <p>42. <a href="#">Increasing Fluency</a> – Achieve the Core contains grade level readings with questions to practice and assess student fluency and understanding.</p> <p>43. <a href="#">Common Core and the Application to Students with Disabilities</a> – Information for teachers and administrators regarding the application of the Common Core to students with disabilities.</p>	<p>44. <a href="#">Differentiated Instruction</a> articles – a list of articles for teachers and parents regarding specific learning needs and possible strategies</p> <p>45. <a href="#">Resources</a> culled from a variety of websites and organizations to support Diversified Learners</p>

## SECTION FIVE: Assistance in creating learning goals based on the data.

Creating Learning Goals - Data Driven Instruction	
Documents	Websites
<p>46. <a href="#">Data Driven Decisions Worksheet</a> - walks individuals through the data to start the discussion with administrators and/or teams as a way to arrive at goal statements.</p> <p>a. <a href="#">Best Practices with Diverse Learners in Mind</a> – Susan Abelein, Summer Educational Leadership Institute, 2014. Presentation packet includes best practices in close reading with diverse learners in mind. Considerations given to “Content, Process, Product and/or Learning Environment”</p> <p>47. <a href="#">Refer to the Accreditation Manual, pg. 47&amp;48</a>, Data Analysis to Support High Achievement of All Students, and <a href="#">pg. 133-134</a>, Appendix H – In-Depth Study for ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. For the full document, <a href="#">ISL Protocol 2012</a></p>	<p>48. <a href="#">Teacher Self-Assessment: Supporting Students’ Use of Data</a> School administrators, teachers, and professional development providers are encouraged to use this tool to self-assess their instructional practices related to helping students use their own data.</p> <p>49. <a href="#">Making Students Partners in Data-Driven Decisions</a> – Article for Teachers in PLC’s</p>

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Anchor Papers and Performance Assessments	
Documents	Websites
<p>50. <b>Anchor Papers and Justification Statements Based on Rubric.</b> Student papers generated from Teacher Excellence Day 2014. Justification papers created by the OCS ELA Committee 2014. Use these for a staff meeting discussion on scoring calibration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <a href="#">Pre-Kindergarten Anchor Papers – and Justification Statements</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Kindergarten Anchor Papers and Justification Statements</a></li><li>● <a href="#">First Grade Anchor Papers</a></li><li>● <a href="#">First Grade Justification Statements</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Second Grade Anchor Papers</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Second Grade Justification Statements</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Third Grade Anchor Papers</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Third Grade Justification Statements</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Fourth Grade Anchor Papers</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Fourth Grade Justification Statements</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Fifth Grade Anchor Papers</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Fifth Grade Justification Statements</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Sixth Grade Anchor Papers</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Sixth Grade Justification Statements</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Seventh Grade Anchor Papers</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Seventh Grade Justification Statements</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Eighth Grade Anchor Papers</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Eighth Grade Justification Statements</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Ninth/Tenth Grade Anchor Papers</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Ninth/Tenth Justification Statements</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Eleventh/Twelfth Anchor Papers</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Eleventh/Twelfth Justification Statements</a></li></ul>	<p>51. <a href="#">Student Writing - Looking at Writing through a Common Lens</a> What can student writing tell us All the training materials including a PowerPoint with directions, student prompts, sample writing and teacher responses. Use for a training with staff for assessment calibration as it relates directly to the writing standards. All grade levels offered from the North Carolina Public Schools.</p> <p>52. <a href="#">CORE ELA Performance Assessment Modules</a> – included are the rubrics from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium for all writing types grades 1-12.</p>

Favorite Resources	
Documents	Videos
<p><b>Teacher Resources</b></p> <p>53. <a href="#">ELA Common Core Resources for Elementary Educators</a> Edutopia</p> <p>54. <a href="#">9 Quick Tips for Taking ownership of Your PD</a> - a great article from Edutopia for staff members to read and identify the ways in which each can take part in developing a plan for PD.</p> <p><b>Parent Resources</b></p> <p>55. <a href="#">Reading Rockets: Launching Young Readers</a> “The single most important thing a parent can do to help a child learn to read is to transmit a love of reading.” Phyllis Hunter, National Fellow of the Institute of Learning This website is specifically for parents to learn more about how to influence their children and help them become readers for life. Many good resources for teachers as well.</p> <p>56. <a href="#">6 Ways to Improve Reading Comprehension</a> - Specific strategies for parents to make an impact on their child’s ability to comprehend what they have read.</p> <p>57. <a href="#">Instructional Practice Guide 6-12 Technical Subjects</a> – This guide provides concrete examples of what the Core Actions for implementing the CCSS for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects look like in planning and practice for middle and high schools.</p> <p>58. <a href="#">Instructional Practice Guide 6-12 Literacy in History/Social Studies</a> provides concrete examples of what the Core Actions for implementing the CCSS for Literacy in History /Social Studies look like in planning and practice.</p> <p>59. <a href="#">ELA Common Core Resources for Elementary Educators</a> Edutopia - wonderful website for ELA teachers of all grade levels with lesson ideas that drill down into each of the standards.</p> <p>60. <a href="#">Sample PLC Schedules</a> - The following document offers elementary schedules that allow for one hour weekly PLC meetings.</p>	<p>61. <a href="#">Teaching Channel</a> All videos helpful to teacher practice. Of specific note for secondary: <a href="#">Skinnying the Standards</a> What’s on the <a href="#">paint sticks</a>?</p> <p>62. <a href="#">Engageny Video Library</a> – Engage New York offers a Video Library for teaching and assessing the Core Standards at all grade levels</p>