Oklahoma

English Language Arts

Academic Standards



6th Grade



STANDARD 1: Speaking and Listening

Students will speak and listen effectively in a variety of situations, including but not limited to responses to reading and writing.

Reading

Students will develop and apply effective communication skills through speaking and active listening.

1.6.R.1

Students will actively listen and speak clearly using appropriate discussion rules with awareness of verbal and nonverbal cues.

1.6.R.2

Students will ask and answer clarifying questions and acknowledge others' ideas presented orally, through text or other media.

1.6.R.3

Students will engage in collaborative discussions about appropriate topics and texts, expressing their own ideas clearly while building on the ideas of others in pairs, diverse groups, and whole class settings.

Writing

Students will develop and apply effective communication skills through speaking and active listening to create individual and group projects and presentations.

1.6.W.1

Students will give formal and informal presentations in a group or individually, using appropriate vocabulary for audience, content, and purpose.

1.6.W.2

Students will work effectively and respectfully with diverse teams, exercise flexibility, assume shared responsibility for collaborative work, and value individual contributions made by each team member.

STANDARD 2: Reading Process/Writing Process

Students will use recursive processes when reading and writing.

Reading

Students will read and comprehend increasingly complex literary and informational texts from a variety of historical and cultural perspectives to create meaning.

2.6.R.1

Students will apply close reading strategies (e.g., multiple readings, annotation, attention to the meaning of individual words and sentences) to grade-level literary and informational texts to create meaning.

2.6.R.2

Students will identify genre, connect and respond to texts, and provide an objective summary and paraphrase.

Writing

Students will develop and strengthen writing by engaging in a recursive process which includes prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing.

2.6.W.1

Students will use a recursive writing process to write in all modes with a focus on opinion.

STANDARD 3: Vocabulary

Students will expand their working vocabulary to effectively understand and communicate.

Reading

Students will build and apply vocabulary using various strategies to understand words while reading.

Writing

Students will apply knowledge of vocabulary to communicate through domain-appropriate abstract and concrete words.

3.6.R.1

Students will use word parts (affixes, roots, stems), context clues, and word origins.

3.6.W.1

Students will apply knowledge of word parts and domainspecific vocabulary to provide coherence in writing.

3.6.R.2

Students will recognize and understand words with multiple meanings.

3.6.W.2

Students will use word choice, including figurative language and idioms, to develop ideas.

3.6.R.3

Students will apply knowledge of vocabulary to deepen understanding of grade-level text.

STANDARD 4: Critical Reading & Critical Writing

Students will apply critical thinking skills to reading and writing.

Reading

Students will comprehend, interpret, evaluate, and respond to a variety of complex texts of all genres (fiction, nonfiction, informational text, poetry, & drama) from a variety of historical, cultural, and global perspectives.

4.6.R.1

Students will explain how authors use organizational and stylistic elements to achieve their purposes.

Literary

4.6.R.2.A

Students will analyze the effects of literary elements and poetic devices on textual meaning, focusing on point of view, simile, metaphor, and theme.

4.6.R.2.B

Students will analyze texts' forms and contents by making inferences about textual evidence.

Informational

4.6.R.3.A

Students will analyze what the text says explicitly and draw inferences using the author's evidence.

4.6.R.3.B

Students will analyze texts' forms and contents by making inferences about textual evidence.

Writing

Students will write for varied purposes and audiences in all modes, using fully developed ideas, strong organization, well-chosen words, fluent sentences, and voice.

Narrative

4.6.W.1.A

Students write narratives incorporating techniques of character development, conflict, introduction, resolution and conclusion.

Informative

4.6.W.2.A

Students will introduce and develop a topic with evidence, using transitions, appropriate vocabulary, and a conclusion.

Opinion (Grade Level Focus)

4.6.W.3.A

Clearly state an opinion, supported with facts and details. Show relationships among facts, opinions, and supporting details and include a concluding statement.

STANDARD 5: Language

Students will apply knowledge of grammar and rhetorical style to reading and writing.

(As students progress through grade levels, expectations increase and include the components of previous grade levels.)

Reading

Students will apply knowledge of grammar and rhetorical style to analyze and evaluate a variety of texts.

5.6.R.1

Students will explain the function of pronouns.

5.6.R.2

Recognize simple and compound sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

5.6.R.3

Recognize variations from standard English in others' writing and speaking.

Writing

Students will demonstrate command of Standard English grammar, mechanics, and usage through writing and other modes of communication.

5.6.W.1

Students will compose texts with appropriate mechanics in their writing with a focus on commas, apostrophes, quotation marks, colons, and semi-colons.

5.6.W.2

Students will compose simple and compound sentences and questions to signal differing relationships among ideas.

5.6.W.3

Students will use the eight parts of speech in writing with focus on pronouns.

5.6.W.4

Students will form and use pronouns in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive).

5.6.W.5

Students will use intensive and reflexive pronouns.

5.6.W.6

Students will recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person.

5.6.W.7

Students will recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).

STANDARD 6: Research

Students will engage in inquiry to acquire, refine, and share knowledge.

Reading

Students will comprehend, evaluate, and synthesize resources to acquire and refine knowledge.

Writing

Students will summarize and paraphrase, integrate evidence, and cite sources to create reports, projects, and presentations for multiple purposes.

6.6.R.1

Students will use their own viable research questions to find information about a specific topic.

6.6.W.1

Students will formulate a viable research question from findings.

6.6.R.2

Students will record and organize information from a variety of primary and secondary sources (print and/or digital).

6.6.W.2

Students will quote, paraphrase, and summarize while accurately referring to sources.

STANDARD 7: Multimodal Literacies

Students will acquire, refine, and share knowledge through a variety of written, oral, visual, digital, non-verbal, and interactive texts.

Reading

Students will evaluate written, oral, visual, and digital texts in order to draw conclusions and analyze arguments.

Writing

Students will create multimodal texts to communicate knowledge and develop arguments.

7.6.R.1

Students will compare and contrast the effectiveness of a variety of written, oral, visual, digital, non-verbal, and interactive texts to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.

7.6.W.1

Students will create multimodal content that effectively communicates several ideas using technologies and appropriate media.

STANDARD 8: Independent Reading and Writing

Students will read and write for a variety of purposes, including but not limited to academic and personal ones, for extended periods of time. Students will integrate the other standards when reading and writing.

Reading

Students will independently read for a variety of purposes and for extended periods of time.

Students will select appropriate texts for specific purposes. Students will integrate the other reading standards when reading on their own.

8.6.R.1

Students will select appropriate texts for specific purposes, read independently for extended periods of time.

8.6.R.2

Students will explain how aspects of the other 7 ELA Standards relate to their reading practices.

Writing

Students will write independently for extended periods of time. Students will vary their modes of expression to suit audience and task. Students will integrate the other writing standards when writing on their own.

8.6.W.1

Students will write independently for extended periods of time vary their modes of expression to suit audience and task, and explain how concepts relate to one another.