Professional Learning Module 1 for Newly Adopted *Kentucky Academic Standards for Reading and Writing*

Webcast
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Getting to Know the *Kentucky Academic Standards for Reading and Writing*:

- **Design of Module 1:**
  - Resource for developing an understanding of the new standards and the new components of the *KAS for Reading and Writing*
  - Meant to be utilized *before* standards alignment and curriculum work in order to build knowledge and capacity around the standards and to capitalize on the opportunity to improve teaching and learning
  - Contains 7 sections: Each section of module 1 is designed to be administered in a 45 minute PLC session; however, the timeline and work sessions can be adjusted to best fit the needs of schools and districts.
  - Module facilitators may include, but are not limited to, district leaders, school administrators, instructional specialists/coaches, department chairs, and/or teacher leaders. With that in mind, the facilitator notes include content information and instructional support intended to provide support to a facilitator who may or may not have an extensive background in literacy.
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Module 1: Getting to Know the Kentucky Academic Standards for Reading and Writing

Facilitator’s Guide

Spring 2019
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Materials:

The following materials are part of this module:

- Getting to Know the KAS for Reading and Writing Facilitator’s Guide
- Getting to Know the KAS for Reading and Writing Participant Handouts (Links embedded in the Facilitator’s Guide)
- Getting to Know the KAS for Reading and Writing slide presentation

All materials are available on the KDE website at kystandards.org.

Goals:

The goals of the Getting to Know the KAS for Reading and Writing Module are for districts and schools to:

- Build a shared understanding of the KAS for Reading and Writing document.
- Strengthen the connection between the components of the KAS for Reading and Writing and the way those components can support teachers in the process of designing standards-aligned instruction and grade-level assignments.
- Experience how the changes in the KAS for Reading and Writing can and will be reflected in student experiences within Kentucky classrooms.
- Identify and prioritize areas where future professional learning opportunities will be needed in the implementation process with the new KAS for Reading and Writing and discuss plans to address those areas.
**Section 1B: Understanding the Architecture**

*Materials needed:* Participants will need to be provided with a copy of their respective grade-level overview from the KAS document. (The K-5 overview is found on page 20 of the KAS document; the grade 6-8 overview is on page 222, and the grade 9-12 overview is on page 319.)

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| *Officially welcome the participants. Introduce yourself (if necessary).*

Explain: Module 1 is intended to provide an introduction to the new *KAS for Reading and Writing*. Section 1B builds knowledge of the new architecture of the document. The architecture comprises the overall organizational structure of the document, the different ways to view the standards, and the design considerations of the specific components within the standards document.

Explain: “Group norms can help to create a safe space where participants feel comfortable sharing their ideas and experiences. Take a moment to read the norms.” After people are finished, ask: “Would you like to revise, edit or add any norms to the list?” If so, make changes on the slide; if not, move on to your discussion of the parking lot. **NOTE: If participants made changes to this slide in the session over Section 1A, you will need to update this slide for their initial reading of the norms.**

Explain: “I realize you may not want to pose every question to the whole group, or we may not have time in the session to get to every question. Therefore, I want us to have a place for...”

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**Getting to Know the Kentucky Academic Standards for Reading and Writing**

**Module 1: Section 1B Understanding the Architecture**

**Group Norms**

- Assume best intentions.
- Listen carefully to one another.
- Be open to new ideas.
- Be open to working outside your comfort zone.
- Ask questions.
- Allow a chance for everyone to participate.
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<td>• Do you understand the coding? (NOTE: If they say no, refer them to page 12 of the KAS document.)</td>
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Facilitate discussion over the reflection questions. Consider maintaining a Google document to house these reflections for continued consideration and further application.

**NOTE:** At this point, teachers should understand (1) the standards are the specific goals for what students should be able to know and do upon completion of each grade-level or grade band, and (2) the practices are NOT additional standards, but rather the overarching goals for fostering a literacy-rich classroom environment that empowers students to become literate citizens. **You may need to communicate these ideas if they have not reached this understanding on their own.**

**Additional Notes for the facilitator:** The following information will be covered in detail in **Module 1: Section 1C**, but it is included here for facilitator reference.

The KAS explains a standard represents a goal or outcome of an educational program; standards are vertically aligned expected outcomes for all students. The standards do not dictate the design of a lesson plan or how units should be organized. The standards establish a statewide baseline of what students should know and be able to do at the conclusion of a
Essential objective: Section 1C takes a more in-depth look at the purpose and function of the new interdisciplinary literacy practices.

- Section 1C details the differences between the ten interdisciplinary literacy practices and the grade-level content standards.
- Participants explore how the practices fit together like a puzzle to support, equip and empower students as they build knowledge and master skills within the reading and writing standards.

Key feature: Provides a focused learning experience around the ten interdisciplinary literacy practices. Participants will review a sample ELA task, and they will need access to one of their current lesson plans or entries in a lesson plan book or digital planner.
Instructional Application – Where do you see connections to the literacy practices in the instructional process and/or focusing question?

Students read *A Mighty Long Way* and wrote an informational essay analyzing historical events, getting the chance to fully meet the depth of multiple standards and learn relevant content.

Source: TNTP Opportunity Myth, Grade 8 Assignments
Section 1D: Spotlight: Unpacking Multidimensionality

- Essential objective: To build an understanding of the multidimensionality of the standards and the way this component can support teachers in the process of designing standards-aligned instruction and grade-level assignments.

- Key feature: Provides a focused learning experience needed to ensure grade-appropriate instructional decisions can be made, including:
  - Task: Reviewing identified targeted standards and determining degree of standards alignment
  - Optional Extension: Reflecting on current instructional choices
Discovery Task - Participants will select the student work samples for their level: Elementary - Grade 2 sample tasks or Grade 5 sample tasks, Middle School - Grade 8 sample tasks, or High School - Grades 11-12 sample tasks. Teachers will be given two student work samples per level, including the identified targeted standards in the multidimensionality view to which each assignment is meant to align. They will determine if the degree of alignment is weak, partial or strong and then provide a rationale for their thinking. The multidimensionality of the standard should guide their analysis. You may elect to have them work individually, with a partner or in a small grade-level group. Keep in mind, though, that because this is new learning, they will likely benefit from being able to share their thinking in a group of 3-4 participants.

NOTE: The facilitator’s guide includes a key with a detailed rationale for each assignment at each level. There is also value in allowing teachers to see the facilitator’s guide for all three levels at the conclusion of this discovery task.

Hyperlinks for each Discovery Task:

- Grade 2
  [https://education.ky.gov/curriculum/standards/kyacadstand/Documents/Resources_for_M1_SID_Discovery_Task_Grade_2.pdf](https://education.ky.gov/curriculum/standards/kyacadstand/Documents/Resources_for_M1_SID_Discovery_Task_Grade_2.pdf)

- Grade 5

- Grade 8

- Grades 11-12
Section 1E: Spotlight: Early Literacy

▫ Essential objective: To provide information on the revisions to the Early Literacy standards and allow participants to consider the importance of and instructional implications for the reading and writing standards for kindergarten - grade 3. Some portions, however, discuss the K-5 elementary standards as a whole.

▫ Key feature: Provides a focused K-3 discovery task located at the end of this section which has also been modified for grades 4-5, 6-8 and/or grades 9-12.

● Participants investigate the changes in the new Reading and Writing grade-level standards from the previous Kentucky Academic Standards for ELA. They also begin to consider the instructional impacts of those changes.

● Supporting documents, which have also been created for 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12, start with the Reading Literature strand, and participants may choose to progress to Reading Informational Text, Composition, and Language as time permits.
Facilitator Notes

Explain: We will process one example together for grade 2 before you begin the Discovery Task. But you will have the remaining time today to investigate the grade-level standards. This is your task. (Read the slide.)

The link to the Discovery Task is included below: https://education.ky.gov/curriculum/standards/kyacadstand/Documents/M1_S1E_Discovery_Task_(RL_K-12).docx.

NOTE: Be sure participants have access to the Word document above for examining the standards and considering the instructional impacts. Facilitators are encouraged to download the document and upload it to a shareable drive like Google Drive or OneDrive. This document is meant to be utilized collaboratively. Ideally, all participants would be working in the document at the same time but in their respective grade levels included in the document.

[Also note: The discovery task located at the end of this section may be modified for grades 4-5, 6-8 and/or grades 9-12. Supporting documents, which have also been created for 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12, start with the Reading Literature strand, and participants progress to Reading Informational Text, Composition, and Language as time permits.]

After reading the Instructions for the task, show the grade 2 comparison as an example. Lead a discussion on questions like the following:

- **What will students have to be able to do now that the old standard did not require of them?**
  - Participants might say students must identify implicit and explicit key ideas and details from a summary; use that information to determine the message/lesson/moral in the text.

- **How can my instruction support student learning for meeting the expectations of the standard?**

Accompanying Slide(s)

**Discovery Task**

- The coding and structure of the standards may look similar; however, the writing teams made significant revisions/additions.
- Let’s Investigate:
  - Select the readings, literature strand for a specific grade-level (probably the one being taught if you are a teacher participant).
  - Highlight or note the differences between the KSS for ELA and the ELA for Reading and Writing. Remember the multi-dimensional focus is helpful for highlighting the depth and rigor of the standard and the comparing/contrasting each dimension — content, comprehensiveness, and analysis, — in both documents.
  - Ask time permits, continue your investigation for Reading Informational Text, Reading Foundational, etc.

**Grade 2 Comparison Example**

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Section 1F: Additional Instructional Implications

► Essential objective: To present an overview of additional instructional implications that may need to be addressed at the district, school and/or team/department level. Instructional implications include: the balance of building knowledge and applying skills and strategies, text complexity, text distribution and types, 21st century literacy and writing program considerations.

Section 1G: Wrap up & Next Steps

► Essential idea: To provide educators with time for reflecting upon guiding questions to plan and prioritize the work that will follow this module.

► Provides a review of the learning throughout the module as well as:
  • Planning Guides (Teachers, School Leadership, District Leadership)
  • Kentucky Department of Education Feedback Survey link
5 Things to Know Before You Go

1. Looking back: Choosing Focus Team Members & Making a Plan
2. Choosing Facilitators
3. June Conference
4. KYStandards.org
5. Next week’s webcast: Professional Learning Modules for Newly Revised Mathematics Standards