



Teaching Writing in Language Arts
COURSE SYLLABUS
READ 3326.060
Fall 2026

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Course Location: Online - Asynchronous/Synchronous Hybrid Required Zoom
Wednesdays 5:00PM-6:20PM **Students not participating in Reading Academy
will not be required to participate.**

Credit: 3 hours

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Student Hours: First Day of Class-August 24
Labor Day Holiday-September 7 All offices closed
Last Day to Withdraw-October 30
Thanksgiving Holiday-November 23-27
Final Exam Due- December 9
Last Day of Class-December 12

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The last day to withdraw from this course is Friday, October 30.

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Introduction to writing development and the teaching of writing from young children beginning from birth and continuing into the upper elementary grades.

KNOWLEDGE BASE(S)

This undergraduate course is designed to help build foundational knowledge relative to writing instruction and assessment--beginning with early childhood and continuing through upper elementary grades. Students learn key concepts, including theory, research, and strategies for building a classroom environment conducive to building a classroom community of writers.

Course content incorporates the following standards for the preparation of reading professionals:

- [*International Literacy Association standards*](#) for the preparation of Pre-K and elementary teacher candidates (ILA, 2017);
- *Texas State Board for Educator Certification standards* for the preparation of English Language Arts and Reading Generalist EC-6 teacher candidates (Texas State Board for Educator Certification, 2016);
- *Texas Educator Standards* (Title 19: Chapter 149, Subchapter AA, Rule: 149.1001), which identify performance standards to be used to inform the training, appraisal, and professional development of teachers.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the requirements of this course, students will have an opportunity to:

1. Develop a foundational knowledge of the development of writing in children, beginning from birth and continuing into the upper elementary grades.
2. Enhance one's own writing skills by participating in the writing process.
3. Develop a working knowledge of pedagogical stances, instructional approaches, methods, and materials for the teaching of writing to children and young adolescents.
4. Apply the knowledge gained, using best practices and current research in order to:
 - Systematically design and develop a classroom community of and for writers.
 - Deploy varieties of instruction, strategies, and materials to teach writing as a process.
 - Teach writing as a complex social process related to reading, talking, thinking, and more.
 - Teach writing in such a way that values and respects the purposes that writers bring to their writing.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE STATEMENT

UT Tyler is committed to exploring and using artificial intelligence (AI) tools as appropriate for the discipline and task undertaken. We encourage discussing AI tools' ethical, societal, philosophical, and disciplinary implications. All uses of AI should be acknowledged as this aligns with our commitment to honor and integrity, as noted in UT Tyler's Honor Code. Faculty and students must not use protected information, data, or copyrighted materials when using any AI tool. Additionally, users should be aware that AI tools rely on predictive models to generate content that may appear correct but is sometimes shown to be incomplete, inaccurate, taken without attribution from other sources, and/or biased. Consequently, an AI tool should not be

considered a substitute for traditional approaches to research. You are ultimately responsible for the quality and content of the information you submit. Misusing AI tools that violate the guidelines specified for this course is considered a breach of academic integrity. The student will be subject to disciplinary actions as outlined in UT Tyler's Academic Integrity Policy. *Refer to the About This Course section of the UT Tyler Syllabus Module for specific information on appropriate use of AI in your course(s).*

For this course, students can use AI platforms to help prepare for assignments and projects. While most of the submitted work should be your original effort, you are allowed to use AI tools for revision and editing tasks, such as identifying logical flaws, clarifying confusing or underdeveloped sections, and correcting citations. If an AI tool is used to generate any part of the content for an assignment, its contributions must be properly cited.

COURSE EVALUATION AND GRADING

The assignments and projects outlined below are designed to contribute in a different yet complementary way in achieving the stated learning outcomes.

Projects & Grading Criteria

Project #1: Two Case Studies (20 points or 20% of course grade)

Using the 2017 ELAR Writing TEKS and 6-Trait assessments, students will evaluate two student writing samples (K-2; 3-4; 5-6). Students will recommend "next steps" for each case study and provide explanations for their assessment decisions and recommendations.

Project #2: Writing Process: Memoir (15 points or 15% of course grade) Using models of professionally written memoirs and of high-quality student memoirs as mentor texts, students will develop a piece of personal writing by taking it all the way through the writing process. Project includes development of a Heart Map, Expansion of 3 topics, Peer Conferencing, and Final Memoir.

Project #3: Minilessons—Writing Them; Teaching Them (30 points or 30% of course grade).

Using Case Study data, students will write 2 mini-lessons in a gradual release format and videotape themselves as they were teaching the minilesson to a classroom of students. Use of

Mentor Text, Anchor Chart, and correlation to the Composition TEKS (Strand 6) will be included.

Project #4: Writers Notebook (10 points or 10% of course grade)

Students will maintain a Writers Notebook throughout the semester using suggestions from Barry Lane's *But How Do You Teach Writing? A Simple Guide for All Teachers*. (2008). Entries will include a Table of Contents, Heart Map, Expansion of Heart Map, *Try This!* exercises, and student topics of choice.

Readings/Learning Activities/Participation (3 points or 3% of course grade)

Throughout the semester, students will be expected to complete assigned readings, and engage actively in class discussions and all related activities including reflections, virtual discussions, and more.

TRA Participant Notebook (14 points or 14% of course grade)

Throughout the semester, students will be expected to complete assigned readings and engage actively in class discussions and all related activities including reflections, virtual discussions, and more.

Final Exam (8 points or 8% of course Grade). Specific instructions and schedule to follow.

Grading Scale

Points Percent Grade Standard			
90-100	90% A	Excellent/Superior	80-89 80% B Good/Above Average
70-79	70% C	Passable/Average	60-69 60% D Unsatisfactory/Below Average*
00-59	59% or Below	F	Not Acceptable/Mediocre
*(a "D" or lower means that the course will need to be repeated in the SOE)			

REQUIRED TEXTS, MATERIALS, AND LECTURES

Textbooks: There are no required textbooks for this course. All readings will be provided at no cost to you. *The Writing Strategies* by Serravallo and *But How Do You Teach Writing?* by Lane will be used. It will be very helpful to have hard copies, but it is not necessary. If you see that they could be beneficial in your future teaching assignments, you might want to purchase to use in your own classrooms.

Lectures: All lectures will be either synchronous during our Zoom meetings or recorded and available through Canvas. Reading Academy sessions will be live and online through Zoom.

Materials: You may choose to purchase, in addition to your usual class notebook, a composition book for your writer's notebook. These are inexpensive and useful. Alternatively, you may keep a digital writer's notebook. You may need to purchase other supplies like poster board, chart paper, etc. for your minilessons.

Additional readings to supplement course content may be selected from various journal publications, book chapters and reports. These will be provided at no extra cost to students.

Bookstore Note: *A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.*

COURSE POLICIES

ASYNCHRONOUS/ SYNCHRONOUS HYBRID ONLINE COURSE This course may be different from other online courses you have taken. You will be working both asynchronously on your own and synchronously via Zoom. Our synchronous meetings are very much like taking an in-person course since you will be attending in real time with your classmates and me. However, you will still need to review the Canvas module each week for resources, readings, assignments, and other information since half of your course will be asynchronous.

TEXAS READING ACADEMIES (TRA)

TRA is a comprehensive professional development in the teaching of reading and writing that is required for all K-3 teachers in the state of Texas. Some districts required TRA completion for the higher elementary grades as well. By completing all TRA requirements, you will receive credit for completing the TRA at the end of your studies at UT Tyler. This means that you will not have to take this training during your first year as a teacher in a school.

During this course you will complete Module 11 of the Texas Reading Academies. You will continue to work in your participant notebook.

ATTENDANCE

Participating in learning activities in the classroom is essential for meeting the objectives of this course. You should attend all synchronous Zoom meetings during the semester, but I know that sometimes there are extenuating circumstances that come up making this difficult. Please let me know if you are unable to attend class and be prepared to make up your Texas Reading Academies work. If you miss more than three classes during the semester, please reach out to me, so we can form a plan for your success in the course.

Please note that if you are absent for any synchronous Zoom meeting, excused or unexcused, you will be required to attend a make-up session synchronously via Zoom (Date TBD). **Failure to attend the scheduled make-up will result in you not being able to get credit for completing the TRA at the end of your studies.**

TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION

Everything *Canvas*: <http://www.uttyler.edu/canvas/>

Technology will serve as a tool for communication. Important announcements and readings will

be posted on Canvas. UT-Tyler email and emails generated through Canvas will be utilized as a communication tool, as well. This course is completely online – it is up to you to have reliable and continuous access to high-speed internet. This class is formatted for computer use – that is, laptop or desktop.

- **It is expected that you will check your UT-Tyler email daily**, and Canvas regularly for information and announcements.
- **It is expected that everyone will have and use his/her email account associated with UT-Tyler and keep their information current with the university.**
 - It is your responsibility to find and maintain a stable internet connection. I suggest you locate two or three back up Wi-Fi friendly sites (e.g. Starbucks, your local public library; a friend or family member's home) in the event that your home internet service fails.

Computer Literacy Requirement

You are expected to use Microsoft Word for all assignments (unless otherwise instructed). Documents submitted in alternative software (e.g. Pages; Rich Text) will not be accepted. All assignments (unless instructed otherwise) must be typed, doubled-spaced and formatted in APA style. If you do not have Microsoft Word on your computer (or device), UT-Tyler's IT department sells DEEPLY DISCOUNTED software packages for students: [Office 365 ProPlus for Students \(uttyler.edu\)](http://uttyler.edu/Office365ProPlus)

PDF is the most stable of the formatting options; however, MS Word will work for uploading assignments.

ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION

Discussion Posts

When posting to a discussion forum, copy and paste your text into the message pane; do not attach a document unless the assignment specifically instructs you to do so. **Attached documents will lose points on discussion post assignments.**

*All discussion posts require you to respond to at least **TWO** peers by the end of the week (Sunday). There will be 2 due dates for discussion posts. Your original post will be on Friday, and your responses to peers will be on the following Sunday. This will allow everyone to have the opportunity to respond to their peers by the second due date. **A minimum of 3 sentences in each response to discussion posts.**

Paper/Project Submission

All written assignments should be carefully proofread and edited.

For written assignments, a “page” is defined as:

- 8½” x 11” paper
- Times New Roman or Arial 12-point font
- Double-spaced (unless otherwise directed)
- 1-inch margin on all sides.
- Put page numbers on the top right-hand side.
- Put the title of the assignment, centered at the top of your paper.
- For all assignments submitted in Canvas, your name, date, class number, or any other information should NOT be included.
- Upload written assignments on the Canvas website on the appropriate assignment page.

Plan for Printing and Scanning

You may discover that you need to work both on- and off-line. Some readings and some writing tasks are simply better learning experiences done using paper and pencil. To that end, it is important that you establish immediately **regular and reliable access to printing and scanning services** whether you own your own printer, or, that you locate two or three printers on campus and understand how they work, how to pay for copies, etc. Or, you may need to find out where the nearest copy shop is to you and set aside money for that. Access to a scanner can be a lifesaver – as some assignments may require you to hand draw or write, and to scan in those documents as a required part of the assignment as a whole.

Neatness and professionalism in submitted work

I will not accept bits and pieces of assignments, rather, it is up to you to compile your projects and submit each as a single and continuous pdf. To do this you may have to 1) format each individual page; 2) print it out; and/or 3) scan it in to make a single pdf out of the whole document. This is where access to a print shop, like Staples or Office Max can be a lifesaver. The design of your work is a key factor in its readability.

APA Style Citation

Correct attribution of work that someone else did is expected of an educated person. In this class, *as educators*, you will adhere to the accepted “style” for the Social Sciences called APA – for the American Psychological Association. The field of education is one of the social sciences along with anthropology, archaeology, economics, geography, history, law, linguistics, politics, psychology, and sociology.

- **Muntz Library Education page:** <https://libguides.utt Tyler.edu/education>
- See Muntz Library Guide > tab **APA** <https://libguides.utt Tyler.edu/c.php?g=951442&p=6863329>
- **Also useful to bookmark: The OWL at Purdue:**
The Online Writing Lab at Purdue University AKA **The OWL at Purdue** is a powerhouse of accessible, understandable, correct, and relevant resources for you; use it!

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/10/>

Timeliness and Participation

Since this class meets online, you are expected to keep up with assignments (readings, discussions, etc.), and to complete and turn them in according to established due dates. To not do so WILL affect your grade. Assignments are due **on the day and by the time** they appear. You must communicate with the instructor regarding any extenuating circumstances that may arise, in advance. Your timeliness and participation are factored into my assessment of your readiness and suitability for being a teacher.

Late/Incomplete Work

You will be permitted to turn in **one** assignment late (up to 48 hours) with no reduction in your grade. After 48 hours, the assignment will not be accepted.

After that, assignments that are one day late will be lowered 15%. Assignments that are two days late will be lowered 30%. No assignments will be accepted after 48 hours unless arrangements have been made with the instructor.

Safe Zone

The professor considers this classroom to be a place where you will be treated with respect as a human being - regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, political beliefs, age, or ability. Additionally, diversity of thought is appreciated and encouraged, provided you can agree to disagree. It is the professor's expectation that students conduct themselves in a manner that ALL students are able to consider the classroom a safe environment.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES & RESOURCES

Use the following link to review important university policies and

information: [University Policies](#)

Resources to assist you in this course

- [UT Tyler Student Accessibility and Resource \(SAR\) Office.](#) (provides needed accommodations to students with document needs related to access and learning) •
 - [UT Tyler Writing Center.](#)
 - [UT Tyler PASS Tutoring Center.](#)
 - [UT Tyler Supplemental.](#)
 - [Upswing \(24/7 online tutoring\) - covers nearly all undergraduate course areas.](#)
 - [Robert Muntz Library.](#) and [Library Liaison.](#)
 - [Canvas 101.](#) (learn to use Canvas, proctoring, Unicheck, and other software)
- LIB 422 -- Computer Lab where students can take a proctored exam

Resources available to UT Tyler Students

- [UT Tyler Counseling Center](#) (available to all students)
- [My SSP App](#). (24/7 access to Student Support Program counseling through phone or chat and online wellness resources available in a variety of languages)
- [Student Assistance and Advocacy Center](#).
- [Military and Veterans Success Center](#) (supports for all of our military-affiliated students) • [UT Tyler Patriot Food Pantry](#).
- [UT Tyler Financial Aid and Scholarship](#).
- [UT Tyler Registrar's Office](#).
- [Office of International Programs](#).
- [Title IX Reporting](#).
- [Patriots Engage](#). (available to all students. Get engaged at UT Tyler.)

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Vision: The College of Education and Psychology is nationally recognized and respected for its academic programs and opportunities. It is a center of academic excellence, scholarly inquiry, and public service. The College prepares leaders to meet the critical challenges of the 21st Century through productive contributions to local and global communities and toward individual and cultural equity.

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UT TYLER'S SCHOOL OF EDUCATION STANDARDS FOR EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

[Texas Education Standards](#): The School of Education is committed to teaching and implementing the Texas Educator Standards at the highest level. The School of Education faculty use the Texas Education Standards, along with the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) standards used by educator preparation programs throughout the United States.

The list of [Texas Education Standards](#) can be accessed [here](#).

Access the [Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators](#).

Purpose. The standards identified in this section are performance standards used to inform the preparation, appraisal, and professional development of Early Childhood-Grade 12 pre-service and in-service teachers in

Texas. The standards:

- (1) emphasize the knowledge and skills required for teachers to select, evaluate, internalize, and implement high-quality instructional materials;
- (2) assume that practicing teachers are aware of Open Educational Resource (OER) instructional materials, customize materials as directed by their district, and engage in initial lesson plan design when directed by their district;
- (3) describe the knowledge and skills required for teachers to prepare, deliver, and assess instruction that results in positive outcomes for all students;
- (4) describe the knowledge and skills required for teachers to build positive relationships with and among students in a safe and productive learning environment;
- (5) reflect research- and evidence-based practices that ensure all students are held to rigorous grade- level academic and nonacademic standards; and
- (6) define a teacher's role as a professional, ethical, and reflective practitioner.

(b) Definitions. The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) Academic language--the oral, written, auditory, and visual language specific to a discipline. It includes vocabulary, grammar, punctuation, syntax, discipline-specific terminology, and rhetorical conventions that allow students to acquire knowledge and academic skills.
- (2) Accelerated instruction--includes aligned research-driven strategies and supports within a multi- tiered instructional model that helps students make more than one year of growth in one year of time.
- (3) Complex text--texts that provide students opportunities to work with new language, knowledge, and ways of thinking. Text complexity is evaluated along quantitative dimensions such as word and sentence length; qualitative dimensions such as text structure, levels of meaning, and language conventions; and considerations including the reader's background, motivation, and knowledge of the topic.
- (4) Deliberate practice--practice that is systematic, requires sustained attention, and is conducted with the specific goal of improving performance on targeted skills.
- (5) Encoding--the process by which information is initially coded to be stored and retrieved. Encoding requires attention to key concepts and knowledge structures and is aided by reducing extraneous cognitive load or information in the learning environment.
- (6) Engagement--a state in which students are cognitively and behaviorally connected to and involved in their learning experience, characterized by participation, curiosity, and perseverance.
- (7) Evidence-based--a concept or strategy that has been evaluated as a whole and found to have positive effects when implemented with programmatic fidelity.
- (8) Explanatory feedback--feedback that provides the learner with an explanation of strengths and

weaknesses related to the learning activity or assignment.

(9) Explicit instruction--instruction in which the teacher's actions are clear, unambiguous, direct, and visible. Explicit instruction makes it clear what the students are to do and learn.

(10) Fixed personality traits--the misconception that personality traits become fixed at certain stages of an individual's development and do not change over time.

(11) Formative assessment--A deliberate low- or no-stakes process used by teachers during instruction to elicit and use evidence of student learning to provide actionable feedback and improve students' attainment of learning targets.

(12) Hemispheric dominance--the misconception that each brain hemisphere is specialized to process information differently and that the dominant hemisphere determines a person's personality and way of thinking.

(13) High-quality instructional materials--instructional materials, approved by the State Board of Education (SBOE), that ensure full coverage of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS); are aligned to evidence-based best practices in the relevant content areas; support all learners, including students with disabilities, emergent bilingual students, and students identified as gifted and talented; enable frequent progress monitoring through embedded and aligned assessments; include implementation supports for teachers; and provide teacher- and student-facing lesson-level materials.

(14) Instructional preparation--describes the process by which a teacher uses knowledge of students and student learning to prepare instructional delivery to a unique group of students. Instructional preparation may include activities such as lesson plan design, evaluation of instructional materials, and lesson internalization.

(15) Interleaving--an instructional technique that arranges practice of topics in such a way that consecutive problems cannot be solved by the same strategy.

(16) Just-in-time supports--a learning acceleration strategy that integrates small, timely supports to address gaps in the most critical prerequisite knowledge and skills that students will need to access grade- or course-level content in upcoming units.

(17) Learning styles--the disproven theory that identifies learners by type (visual, auditory, reading and writing, and kinesthetic) and adapts instruction to the individual's learning style.

(18) Lesson plan design--describes the process by which a teacher creates the planned learning experiences and related instructional materials for a topic. Lesson plan design includes activities such as developing or selecting objectives, learning experiences, sequencing, scaffolds, resources, materials, tasks, assessments, and planned instructional practices.

(19) Lesson internalization--an aspect of instructional preparation specific to teaching a lesson or unit. It includes activities such as evaluating sequencing, learning goals, and expected outcomes; using assessment data to identify prior knowledge; studying lesson content; rehearsing lesson delivery; identifying possible misconceptions; as well as planning instructional strategies, materials, and pacing.

(20) Metacognition--the awareness of how one's mind learns and thinks and the use of that awareness to

optimize the efficiency of learning and cognition.

(21) Multiple means of engagement--a range of options provided to engage and motivate students in learning.

(22) Multiple means of representation--a range of options provided in the ways that information is presented to students.

(23) Multiple means of action and expression--a range of options provided in the ways that students express or demonstrate their learning.

(24) Open education resource instructional materials --state-developed materials included on the list of approved instructional materials maintained by the SBOE under Texas Education Code (TEC),

§31.022, where the underlying intellectual property is either owned by the state of Texas or can be freely used and modified by the state in perpetuity.

(25) Patterns of student thinking--common patterns in the ways in which students think about and develop understanding and skill in relation to particular topics and problems.

(26) Productive struggle--expending effort to understand a challenging situation and determine a course of action when no obvious strategy is stated and receiving support that encourages persistence without removing the challenge.

(27) Recall--also referred to as "retrieval," the mental process of retrieving information that was previously encoded and stored in long-term memory.

(28) Remediation--strategies that focus on the drilling of isolated skills that bear little resemblance to current curriculum. Activities connect to past standards and aim to master content from past years.

(29) Research-based--a concept or strategy with positive findings from studies effective in isolation or combination with other researched strategies or evidence-based programs.

(30) Retrieval practice--also referred to as "testing effect" or "active recall," it is the finding that trying to remember previously learned material, including by responding to questions, tests, assessments, etc., leads to better retention than restudying or being retold the material for an equivalent amount of time.

(31) Science of learning--the summarized existing cognitive-science, cognitive psychology, educational psychology, and neuroscience research on how people learn, as it connects to practical implications for teaching.

(32) Second language acquisition--the process through which individuals leverage their primary language to learn a new language. A dynamic process of learning and acquiring proficiency in the English language, supported by exposure to comprehensible input, interaction, formal instruction, and access to resources and support in English and primary language.

(33) Spaced practice/Distributed practice--spaced practice sequences learning in a way that students actively retrieve learned information from long-term memory through multiple opportunities over time with intervals in between--starting with shorter intervals initially (e.g., hours or days) and building up to longer intervals

(e.g., weeks).

(34) State Board of Education-approved instructional materials--materials included on the list of approved instructional materials maintained by the State Board of Education under TEC, §31.022.

(35) Summative assessment--medium- to high-stakes assessments, administered at the conclusion of an instructional period that are used to evaluate student learning, knowledge, proficiency, or mastery of a learning target

(1) Standard 1--Instructional Preparation. Teachers understand how students learn, and they prepare for instructional delivery by designing lessons, evaluating instructional materials, leveraging their knowledge of students, and engaging in a thorough process for lesson internalization.

(A) Teachers apply basic principles of lesson plan design from the learning sciences to prepare for instruction.

(i) Teachers understand learning as an active and social process of meaning-making that results in changes in student knowledge and behavior based on connections between past and new experiences.

(ii) Teachers prepare instruction that uses research and evidence-based teaching strategies for eliciting and sustaining attention and motivation and supporting encoding, such as use of multimedia learning principles, reduction of extraneous cognitive load, use of worked examples, interleaving, and deep integration of new experiences with prior knowledge.

(iii) Teachers prepare instruction that uses research and evidence-based strategies for memory and recall such as interleaving, spacing, retrieval practice, and metacognition.

(iv) Teachers recognize misconceptions about learning, the brain, and child and adolescent development, including myths such as learning styles, personality traits, and hemispheric dominance, and avoid unsupported instructional practices based on these misunderstandings.

(B) Teachers evaluate instructional materials and select or customize the highest quality district-approved option to prepare for instruction.

(i) Teachers identify the components of high-quality instructional materials, such as a logical scope and sequence, clear learning objectives, grade- or course-level content, explicit instruction, student engagement, academic language, deliberate practice, and assessment, appropriate to the discipline.

(ii) Teachers identify the benefits of using high-quality instructional materials.

(iii) Teachers apply knowledge of the components of high-quality instructional materials to select or customize materials when appropriate.

(iv) Teachers analyze instructional materials and digital resources to ensure quality, rigor, and access to grade- or course-level content.

(v) Teachers use high-quality materials to plan instruction that connects students' prior understanding and real-world experiences to new content and contexts.

(C) Teachers understand initial lesson plan design and, when district-approved materials are not available and when directed by their district, engage in initial lesson plan design using science of learning concepts.

(i) Teachers design lessons based on the components of high-quality instructional materials, such as a logical scope and sequence, clear learning objectives, application of explicit instruction, and grade- or course-level content.

(ii) Teachers design lessons that effectively connect learning objectives with explicit instruction, student engagement, academic language, deliberate practice, and assessment.

(iii) Teachers design lessons that connect students' prior understanding and real- world experiences to new content and contexts.

(iv) Teachers plan for the use of digital tools and resources to engage students in active deep learning.

(D) Teachers ensure lesson sequence and materials meet the needs of all learners and adapt methods when appropriate.

(i) Teachers plan for the use of multiple means to engage students, varied ways of representing information, and options for students to demonstrate their learning.

(ii) Teachers leverage student data to prepare flexible student groups that facilitate learning for all students.

(iii) Teachers differentiate instruction and align methods and techniques to diverse student needs, including acceleration, just-in-time supports, technology,

intervention, linguistic supports, appropriate scaffolding, and implementation of individualized education programs.

(E) Teachers recognize students' backgrounds (familial, educational, linguistic, and developmental) as assets and apply knowledge of students to engage them in meaningful learning.

(i) Teachers plan to present information in a meaningful way that activates or provides any prerequisite knowledge to maximize student learning.

(ii) Teachers collaborate with other professionals, use resources, and plan research- and evidence-based instructional strategies to anticipate and respond to the unique needs of students, including disabilities, giftedness, bilingualism, and biliteracy.

(iii) Teachers plan instructional practices and strategies that support language acquisition so that language is comprehensible and instruction is fully accessible.

(iv) Teachers apply knowledge of how each category of disability under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (20 U.S.C. §1400, et seq.) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §794) can affect student learning and development.

(F) Teachers engage in a thorough process of lesson internalization to prepare well- organized, sequential instruction that builds on students' prior knowledge.

(i) Teachers identify how the intentional sequencing of units, lessons, and learning tasks supports student

knowledge and mastery throughout the year.

- (ii) Teachers identify how the learning goals of units and lessons are aligned to state standards.
- (iii) Teachers use assessment data to identify prior knowledge and plan for the learning needs of students.
- (iv) Teachers internalize lesson content by reading the texts, completing learning tasks and assessments, rehearsing lesson delivery, and identifying any personal gaps in understanding.
- (v) Teachers plan for pacing, use of teacher resources, and transitions between activities.
- (vi) Teachers create or analyze and customize exemplar responses and anticipate potential barriers to learning.
- (vii) Teachers strategically plan instructional strategies, formative assessments, technology, scaffolds, and enrichment to make learning accessible to all students.

(2) Standard 2--Instructional Delivery and Assessment. Teachers intentionally apply their knowledge of students and the learning process to implement high-quality instruction and assessment practices that are research- and evidence-based and informed by student work.

(A) Teachers deliver research- and evidence-based instruction to meet the needs of all learners and adapt methods when appropriate.

- (i) Teachers effectively communicate grade- or course-level expectations, objectives, and goals to help all students reach high levels of achievement.
- (ii) Teachers apply research- and evidence-based teaching strategies for eliciting and sustaining attention and motivation and supporting memory encoding and recall, such as interleaving, spacing, metacognition, and distributed practice.
- (iii) Teachers ensure a high degree of student engagement through explicit instruction, student discussion, feedback, and opportunities for deliberate practice.
- (iv) Teachers apply research- and evidence-based teaching strategies that connect students' prior understanding and real-world experiences to new content and contexts and invite student perspectives.
- (v) Teachers implement appropriate scaffolds in response to student needs.
- (vi) Teachers strategically implement tools, technology, and procedures that lead to increased participation from all students, elicit patterns of student thinking, and highlight varied responses.
- (vii) Teachers provide multiple means of engagement to encourage all students to remain persistent in the face of challenges.
- (viii) Teachers collaborate with other educational professionals, when appropriate, to deliver instruction that addresses students' academic and non-academic needs.

(B) Teachers scaffold instruction, from initial knowledge and skill development through automaticity, toward

complex, higher-order thinking, providing opportunities for deeper learning.

(i) Teachers set high expectations and facilitate rigorous grade- or course-level learning experiences for all students that encourage them to apply disciplinary and cross-disciplinary knowledge to real-world problems.

(ii) Teachers apply instructional strategies to deliberately engage all students in critical thinking and problem solving.

(iii) Teachers validate student responses utilizing them to advance learning for all students.

(iv) Teachers respond to student errors and misconceptions with prompts or questions that build new understanding on prior knowledge.

(v) Teachers use strategic questioning to build and deepen student understanding.

(vi) Teachers strategically incorporate technology that removes barriers and allows students to interact with the curriculum in more authentic, significant, and effective ways.

(C) Teachers consistently check for understanding, give feedback, and make lesson adjustments as necessary.

(i) Teachers use a variety of formative assessments during instruction to gauge and respond to student progress and address misconceptions.

(ii) Teachers implement frequent or low- or no-stakes assessments to promote retrieval of learned information.

(iii) Teachers continually monitor and assess students' progress to guide instructional outcomes and determine next steps to ensure student mastery of grade- or course-level content.

(iv) Teachers build student capacity to self-monitor their progress.

(v) Teachers provide frequent, timely, and specific explanatory feedback that emphasizes effort, improvement, and acknowledges students' strengths and areas for growth.

(vi) Teachers strategically implement instructional strategies, formative assessments, scaffolds, and enrichment to make learning accessible to all students.

(vii) Teachers set goals for each student in response to previous outcomes from formative and summative assessments.

(viii) Teachers involve all students in self-assessment, goal setting, and monitoring progress.

(D) Teachers implement formative and summative methods of measuring and monitoring student progress through the regular collection, review, and analysis of data.

(i) Teachers regularly review and analyze student work, individually and collaboratively, to understand students' thinking, identify strengths and progress toward mastery, and identify gaps in knowledge.

(ii) Teachers combine results from different measures to develop a holistic picture of students' strengths and

learning needs.

(iii) Teachers apply multiple means of assessing learning, including the use of digital tools, to accommodate according to students' learning needs, linguistic differences, and/or varying levels of background knowledge.

(iv) Teachers use assessment results to inform and adjust instruction and intervention.

(v) Teachers clearly communicate the results of assessments with students, including setting goals, identifying areas of strength and opportunities for improvement.

Standard--Content Pedagogy Knowledge and Skills. Teachers show a full understanding of their content and related pedagogy and the appropriate grade-level TEKS.

(A) Teachers understand the major concepts, key themes, multiple perspectives, assumptions, processes of inquiry, structure, and real-world applications of their grade-level and subject-area content.

(i) Teachers demonstrate a thorough understanding of and competence in the use of open education resource instructional materials when available for the grade level and subject area.

(ii) Teachers have expertise in how their content vertically and horizontally aligns with the grade-level/subject-area continuum, leading to an integrated curriculum across grade levels and content areas.

(iii) Teachers identify gaps in students' knowledge of subject matter and communicate with their leaders and colleagues to ensure that these gaps are adequately addressed across grade levels and subject areas.

(iv) Teachers deliberately and regularly share multiple different examples of student representations and resolutions.

(v) Teachers stay current with developments, new content, new approaches, and changing methods of instructional delivery within their discipline.

(B) Teachers demonstrate content-specific pedagogy that meets the needs of diverse learners, utilizing engaging instructional materials to connect prior content knowledge to new learning.

(i) Teachers teach both the key content knowledge and the key skills of the discipline and requisite linguistic skills making the information accessible to all learners by constructing it into usable knowledge.

(ii) Teachers make appropriate and authentic connections across disciplines, subjects, and students' real-world experiences to build knowledge from year to year.

(iii) Teachers provide multiple means of representation and engagement to promote literacy and ensure discipline-specific academic language is accessible for all students.

(iv) Teachers explicitly teach, encourage, and reinforce the use of academic language, including vocabulary, use of symbols, and labeling.

(v) Teachers prepare for and apply scaffolds in the lesson to make content accessible to all students, including diverse learners such as emergent bilingual students, students with disabilities, and students

working above and below grade level.

(vi) Teachers engage students in productive struggle by allowing them time to work, asking questions to deepen their thinking, encouraging multiple approaches, praising effort on successful and unsuccessful attempts, and contrasting student attempts and correct solutions.

(C) Teachers demonstrate research- and evidence-based best practices specific to planning, instruction, and assessment of mathematics.

(i) Teachers communicate, using multiple means of representation, the relationship between mathematical concepts and mathematical procedures.

(ii) Teachers engage students in recursive lesson activities that reinforce automaticity in prerequisite knowledge and skills to mitigate the use of working memory when engaging those knowledge and skills as task complexity increases.

(iii) Teachers use multiple means of representation to engage students in mathematical tasks that deepen students' understanding of conceptual understanding, procedural fluency, and mathematical reasoning.

(iv) Teachers prepare and deliver instruction and questioning to deliberately solicit different explanations, representations, solutions, and reasoning from all students.

(v) Teachers prepare and deliver explicit instruction and modeling that links grade- level conceptual understanding with mathematical procedures and avoids shortcuts to problem solving.

(vi) Teachers analyze instructional plans to ensure an appropriate balance between conceptual understanding and procedural fluency.

(vii) Teachers facilitate discourse through regular opportunities for students to communicate the relationship between mathematical concepts and mathematical procedures.

(viii) Teachers provide time for students to collaboratively and independently apply conceptual understanding and procedural fluency to problem-solving.

(ix) Teachers communicate and model the connections between mathematics and other fields that use mathematics to problem solve, make decisions, and incorporate real-world applications in instruction.

(x) Teachers explicitly teach and model that math abilities are expandable and improvable.

(D) Teachers demonstrate research- and evidence-based best practices specific to planning, instruction, and assessment of language arts and reading.

(i) Teachers analyze instructional materials in preparation for instruction to ensure they provide grade-level appropriate, systematic, and explicit practice in foundational literacy skills.

(ii) Teachers analyze instructional materials in preparation for instruction to ensure that foundational literacy skills are reached at each grade or course level.

(iii) Teachers implement clear and explicit reading instruction aligned to the Science of Teaching Reading

competencies and engage students in deliberate practice to make meaning from text.

- (iv) Teachers identify and analyze grade- or course-level and complex texts for quality in preparation for instruction.
 - (v) Teachers prepare and deliver explicit reading instruction that uses grade-level and complex texts to build student knowledge.
 - (vi) Teachers strategically plan and implement supports such as read-aloud and questioning at varied levels of complexity to support comprehension of high- quality complex texts.
 - (vii) Teachers engage students in writing practice, including text-based writing that builds comprehension and higher-order thinking skills.
 - (viii) Teachers engage students in speaking practice that builds comprehension, language acquisition, and higher-order thinking skills.
 - (ix) Teachers use high-quality assessments to monitor grade-level appropriate foundational skills development.
 - (x) Teachers implement and analyze a variety of high-quality literacy assessments to monitor grade-level appropriate comprehension and identify gaps.
 - (xi) Teachers apply just-in-time supports and intervention on prerequisite skills and continually monitor to determine the need for additional learning support.
- (4) Standard 4--Learning Environment. Teachers maintain a safe and supportive learning environment that is characterized by respectful interactions with students, consistent routines, high expectations, and the development of students' self-regulation skills.
- (A) Teachers establish, implement, and communicate consistent routines for effective classroom management, including clear expectations for student behavior and positive interventions, that maintain a productive learning environment for all students.
 - (i) Teachers arrange their classrooms and virtual learning spaces in an organized way that is safe, flexible, and accessible to maximize learning that accommodates all students' learning and physical needs.
 - (ii) Teachers implement consistent classroom and behavior management systems to maintain an environment where all students are engaged and can reach academic and nonacademic goals.
 - (iii) Teachers model and provide explicit instruction on effective behavior regulation skills to build students' resilience and self-discipline.
 - (iv) Teachers maintain a safe and positive culture of student ownership and group accountability that fosters engagement by all students in the classroom expectations, culture, and norms.
- (B) Teachers lead and maintain classroom environments in which students are motivated and cognitively engaged in learning.

- (i) Teachers maintain a classroom environment that is based on high expectations and student self-efficacy.
- (ii) Teachers strategically use instructional time, including transitions, to maximize learning.
- (iii) Teachers manage and facilitate strategic and flexible groupings to maximize student learning.

(5) Standard 5--Professional Practices and Responsibilities. Teachers are self-aware and consistently hold themselves to a high standard for individual development. They collaborate with other educational professionals; communicate regularly with stakeholders; maintain professional relationships; comply with federal, state, and local laws; and conduct themselves ethically and with integrity.

(A) Teachers model ethical and respectful behavior and demonstrate integrity in all settings and situations.

(i) Teachers understand and comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws pertaining to the professional behaviors and responsibilities of educators.

(ii) Teachers adhere to the Educators' Code of Ethics in §247.2 of this title (relating to Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators), including following policies and procedures at their specific school placement(s).

(iii) Teachers demonstrate understanding of their role in strengthening American democracy and are willing to support and defend the constitutions of the United States and Texas.

(iv) Teachers advocate for and apply knowledge of students' progress and learning plans through the maintenance of thorough and accurate records.

(v) Teachers model and promote for students the use of safe, ethical, and legal practices with digital tools and technology.

(B) Teachers actively self-reflect on their practice and collaborate with other educational professionals to deepen knowledge, demonstrate leadership, and improve their instructional effectiveness.

(i) Teachers apply consistent reflective practices, analysis of student work, and video evidence of teaching to identify and communicate professional learning needs.

(ii) Teachers seek and apply job-embedded feedback from colleagues, including supervisors, mentors, coaches, and peers.

(iii) Teachers establish and strive to achieve professional goals to strengthen their instructional effectiveness and better meet students' needs.

(iv) Teachers engage in relevant professional learning opportunities that align with their growth goals and student learning needs.

(v) Teachers seek to lead other adults on campus through professional learning communities, grade- or subject-level team leadership, committee membership, or other opportunities.

(vi) Teachers collaborate with educational professionals to ensure learning is accessible and enables all students to reach their academic and non-academic goals.

(C) Teachers communicate consistently, clearly, and respectfully with all community stakeholders, including students, parents and families, colleagues, administrators, and staff.

(i) Teachers clearly communicate the mission, vision, and goals of the school to students, colleagues, parents and families, and other community members.

(ii) Teachers communicate regularly, clearly, and appropriately with families about student progress, providing detailed and constructive feedback in a language that is accessible to families to support students' developmental and learning goals.

(iii) Teachers build mutual understanding of expectations with students, parents, and families through clear, respectful, and consistent communication methods.

(iv) Teachers communicate with students and families regularly about the importance of collecting data and monitoring progress of student outcomes, sharing timely and comprehensible feedback so they understand students' goals and progress.

(d) This section will be implemented beginning with teacher evaluations conducted after the next update of Chapter 150 of this title (relating to Commissioner's Rules Concerning Educator Appraisal). Evaluations conducted before that time are subject to the requirements of this section as it existed prior to August 17, 2025.

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Tentative Activities and Assignments Calendar

Important: The instructor reserves the right to change/adjust any assignments and/or due dates in the best interest of the class. Ample notice (usually at least one week) will be given to students for any such changes.

NOTE 1: The new module for a given week will be up and open no later than Monday at 12:00a.m. NOTE 2: Initial discussion posts are due on Friday by 11:59 PM. Discussion responses and all other assignments are due by 11:59 p.m. on Sundays, unless otherwise noted.

NOTE 3: The most current version of what-is-due-when is on Canvas. Each week has a corresponding module page— please look there.

Week & Date of Class	Tentative: Activities Schedule & Assignments Due
Week 1 Mon. 08/24/26 to Sun. 08/30/26 Zoom Meeting: Wed. 08/26/26	<i>Topic: Writing as a Literacy Skill & Integrating Technology into the Writing Classroom</i> <u>WATCH:</u> Assignment Introduction: Choice of App Discussion LECTURE: Tackling the TEKS Overview LECTURE: Serravallo Strategies Overview <u>READ:</u> TRA Content and Notebook Chapter 1

	Serravallo (2017) Goals 1 and 3 selected strategies <u>DUE (08/27):</u> Sign up for App on Document <u>DUE (08/30 (Video) & 09/01) (Peer Replies):</u> Choice of App Video and Peer Replies
Week 2 Tues. 08/31/26 to Sun. 09/06/26 Zoom Meeting: Wed. 09/02/26	<i>Topic: Creating a Community of Writers and The Writer's Notebook</i> <u>WATCH:</u> LECTURE: Week 2 Overview LECTURE: Introduce Assignment: The Writer's Notebook LECTURE: Introduce Assignment: Memoir Project LECTURE: Mapping the Heart-Georgia Heard TEDx <u>READ:</u> TRA Content and Notebook Chapter 2 Serravallo (2017) Goal 4 and 5 selected strategies <u>DUE (09/06):</u> Writer's Notebook Entry: Heart Map <u>DUE (09/06):</u> Writer's Notebook Entry: Try This! #1
Week 3 Labor Day Holiday 09/07/26 Mon. 09/08/26 to Sun. 09/13/26 Zoom Meeting: Wed. 09/09/26	<i>Topic: Foundational Writing Skills & Using Mentor Texts</i> <u>WATCH:</u> LECTURE: Week 3 Overview LECTURE: Using Memoirs as Mentor Texts. Exploring Options for Your Own Work in Voice, Structure, Pacing Using "My Life on the Run," "Bigger is Better," and "Eleven." LECTURE: The Language of Response: Peer Conferencing LECTURE: Mentor Text: Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall <u>READ:</u> Gallagher (2014) Making the Most of Mentor Texts Serravallo (2017) Goal 6 TRA Content and Notebook Chapter 3 <u>DUE (09/13)</u> Writer's Notebook Entry: Heart Map Expanded <u>DUE (09/13):</u> Writer's Notebook Entry: Try This! #2
Week 4 Mon. 09/14/26 to Sun. 09/20/26 Zoom Meeting: Wed. 09/16/26	<i>Topic: Foundational Writing Skills & The Writing Process</i> <u>WATCH:</u> LECTURE: Week 4 Overview LECTURE: Three Different Mini lectures from Professional Story Tellers LECTURE: Mentor Text: Honey, I Love by Eloise Greenfield <u>READ:</u> TRA Content and Notebook Chapter 3 Serravallo (2017) Goal 7 and 8 selected strategies <u>DUE (09/20):</u> Peer Conference on 3 Expanded Heart Map Topics <u>DUE (09/20):</u> Writer's Notebook Entry: Try This! #3

Week 5 Mon. 09/21/26 to Sun. 09/27/26 Zoom Meeting: Wed. 09/23/26	<i>Topic: The Writing Process and Teaching Writing Minilessons</i> <u>WATCH:</u> LECTURE: Week 5 Overview LECTURE: Writing Minilessons LECTURE: Introduce Assignment: Minilessons-Writing Them; Teaching Them <u>READ:</u> TRA Content and Notebook Chapter 4 Serravallo (2017) Goal 9 selected strategies DUE (09/27): Memoir

Week 6 Mon. 09/28/26 to Sun. 10/04/26 Zoom Meeting: Wed. 9/30/26	<i>Topic: The Writing Process and Multiple Genres</i> <u>WATCH:</u> LECTURE: Week 6 Overview LECTURE: Maintain Control During Mini-Lessons LECTURE: Mentor Text: I Believe I Can by Grace Byers <u>READ:</u> TRA Content and Notebook Chapter 4 DUE (10/02) & (10/04): Minilesson #1 Video and Peer Review
Week 7 Mon. 10/05/26 to Sun. 10/11/26 Zoom Meeting: Wed. 10/07/26	<i>Topic: Multiple Genres & Using Genre Study to Organize Your Year</i> <u>WATCH:</u> LECTURE: Week 7 Overview LECTURE: Genre Study as Perfect Integration of Reading and Writing LECTURE: Mentor Text: Owl Moon by Jane Yolen <u>READ:</u> TRA Content and Notebook Chapter 5 DUE (10/11): Minilesson #1 Final

Week 8 Mon. 10/12/26 to Sun. 10/18/26 Zoom Meeting: Wed. 10/14/26	<i>Topic: Assessing Writing Progress</i> <u>WATCH:</u> LECTURE: Week 8 Overview LECTURE: <i>Introduce Assignment:</i> Two Case Studies LECTURE: Six –Traits Writing Rubric Overview LECTURE: How to grade a student paper using the Six Traits Rubric <u>READ:</u> TRA Content and Notebook Chapter 6 DUE (10/18): Writer’s Notebook Entry: Try This! #4
Week 9 Mon. 10/19/26 to Sun. 10/25/26 Tentative Zoom Meeting: Wed. 10/21/26	<i>Topic: Rich Text Environment: Applying Good Writing Practices to Our Teaching Lives</i> <u>WATCH:</u> LECTURE: Week 9 Overview LECTURE: Rich Text Environments LECTURE: Mentor Text: One Tiny Turtle by Nicola Davis <u>READ:</u> Outstanding TRA Module 11 content and Notebook DUE (10/23) & (10/25): Minilesson #2 Video and Peer Review
Week 10 Mon. 10/26/26 Sun. 11/01/26 Tentative Zoom Meeting: Wed. 10/28/26 <u>Last day to withdraw:</u> <u>Oct. 30</u>	<i>Topic: Teaching Grammar During Writing, Not in Isolation</i> <u>WATCH:</u> LECTURE: Week 10 Overview LECTURE: Teaching Grammar in the Context of Writing, Jeff Anderson LECTURE: Mentor Text: Ramped Up Read Aloud by Maria Walther (professional resource) <u>READ:</u> Outstanding TRA Module 11 content DUE (11/01): Minilesson #2

Week 11 Mon. 11/2/26 to Sun. 11/08/26 Tentative Zoom Meeting: Wed. 11/04/26	<i>Topic: Writing Across the Content Areas</i> <u>WATCH:</u> LECTURE: Week 11 Overview LECTURE: Writing Across all the Content Areas LECTURE: Mentor Text: This Is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen <u>READ:</u> Outstanding TRA Module 11 content DUE (11/08): Case Study #1
Week 12 Mon. 11/09/26 to Sun. 11//15/26 Tentative Zoom Meeting: Wed. 11/11/26	<i>Topic: Building Stamina in Writing</i> <u>WATCH:</u> LECTURE: Week 12 Overview LECTURE: Power Writing by Building Writing Muscle LECTURE: Mentor Text: Chicken Sunday by Patricia Polacco <u>READ:</u> Anderson (2011) <i>Ten things every writer needs to know</i>. Stenhouse Publishers. pp. 9-12 DUE (11/15): Case Study #2
Week 13 Mon. 11/16/26 to Sun. 11/22/26 Tentative Zoom Meeting: Wed. 11/18/26	<i>Topic: Putting It All Together</i> <u>WATCH:</u> LECTURE: Week 13 Overview LECTURE: Review: Key Components of Writing Instruction DUE (11/22): TRA Participant Notebook

NOV. 23-27	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Week 14 Mon. 11/30/26 to Sun. 12/06/26 Tentative Zoom Meeting: Wed. 12/2/26	<i>Theme: Reflecting on what we know and wanted to learn</i> <u>WATCH:</u> LECTURE: Overview and directions for the Final Exam LECTURE: Mentor Texts: Because You Matter by Tami Charles & The Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena DUE (12/6): Writer's Notebook (WNB)

Week 15 Mon. 12/7/26 to Sat. 12/12/26	<i>Final Exams</i> The final exam for this class is ONLINE and is due by Wednesday, 12/9/26 at 11:59 pm.
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