

MoSTEP 1.2.1.1: Middle School (5-9) English/Language Arts Competencies
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The beginning (pre-service) Middle School (5-9) English/Language Arts teacher will demonstrate knowledge of and/or competency in the following areas of study:

<p>1. Fundamentals and Effective Use of English (1997 SSC 1, 8; NCTE 3.1; IRA (2003) 1.4.2, 4.3; IRA (1997): 2.1, 2.4; PRAXIS II: 0049: II.1, III.2)</p>	<p>1.1 the interrelation of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. 1.2 effective oral and written language usage. 1.3 how the English language works, including its grammars, semantics, syntax, morphology, phonology, lexicon, history, and dialects.</p>
<p>2. Language Development and Literacy (1997 SSC: 4, 7 ; NCTE: 3.1, 3.6; IRA (2003) 1.3.2; IRA (1997) 6 and 3; PRAXIS II: 0049: II.3)</p>	<p>2.1 how middle school students continue to develop effective reading, writing, speaking, viewing, and listening skills. 2.2 diversity in language use, patterns, and dialects across cultures, ethnic groups, geographic regions, and social roles. 2.3 how the differences among learners (physical, perceptual, emotional, social, cultural, environmental, and intellectual) influence their learning, language development, and literacy acquisition. 2.4 the interrelation of language development and literacy acquisition. 2.5 what preconceptions, error patterns, and misconceptions may be found in students' understanding of how language functions in communication and ways to help correct these misunderstandings. 2.6 how to design instructional programs and strategies that build on students' experiences and existing language skills and result in the students becoming competent, effective users of language.</p>
<p>3. Reading, Literature, and Comprehension (1997 SSC2,5,6,10; MO GLE, 5-8: Reading [1-C,D,E,F,G,H,I; 2-A,B,C; 3-A,B,C]; MO GLE, 5-8: Information Literacy [1-A,B]; NCTE: 3.2, 3.3, 3.5., 3.6; IRA (2003) 1.1.2, 4.1.2, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.3, 4.4.2; IRA (1997) 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 , 2.6, 2.6, 2.12, 2.13, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 8.1; ETS: 0049: I.1-I.7; IV.1)</p>	<p>3.1 reading processes (pre-, during, post-). 3.2 a broad spectrum of narrative and expository reading materials, including works written specifically for middle-school children, encompassing different topics, themes, and genres; as well as a broad historical and contemporary spectrum of United States, British, and world literature, including a range of cultures, male and female authors of various cultures and ethnic origins. 3.3 strategies to monitor and increase reading comprehension. 3.4 techniques and strategies for the ongoing development of structured and independent vocabulary acquisition. 3.5 how to locate and use a variety of print and non-print reference sources. 3.6 the basic elements of literary types and forms. 3.7 ways to help students think critically about what they read. 3.8 various critical approaches to interpreting text. 3.9 methods for promoting personalized reactions to reading and the value of sharing those responses.</p>
<p>4. Thinking and Communicating Through Writing, Speaking, and Listening (1997 SSC 3, 9; MO GLE, 5-8: Writing [1-A; 2-B,C,D,E,F; 3-A,B,C,D,E]; MO GLE, 9-12: Listening & Speaking [1-A,B; 2-A]; MO GLE, 5-8: Information Literacy [2-A]; ACEI 11, 12, 13, 14; NCTE: 2.4, 3.2, 3.4; IRA (2003) 4.3; IRA (1997) 2.6, 2.7, 9.1, 9.2; ETS: 0049: III.1, III.2; IV.2)</p>	<p>4.1 different types of writing and speaking appropriate for different audiences and in different situations, including persuasive strategies. 4.2 a range of pre-, during-, and post-writing strategies to generate meaning and to clarify understanding. 4.3 composing processes used to prepare information to share orally, visually, and/or in writing. 4.4 use of evidence and documentation. 4.5 ways of creating instruction, activities, and experiences that develop varied writing, speaking and presentation skills to communicate with different audiences for varying purposes. 4.6 how to respond to film, video, graphic, photographic, audio, and multimedia texts. 4.7 technology used to enhance learning and reflection on learning. 4.8 how to help students develop their capacities to listen so they comprehend, analyze, consider, respond to, and discuss spoken material, fiction, non-fiction, dramatic works, and poetry.</p>