New Resources for Families of English Learners!

Want to know how to best support your child's reading, writing, and English language development at home? Check out the Georgia Department of Education's **K–12 ELA Family Guides for English Learners**!

These easy-to-navigate guides break down:

- **Grade-Level Expectations:** A clear look at what your child is learning in English Language Arts (ELA) from Kindergarten through 12th grade.
- **Language Growth:** An overview of the 6 English Language Proficiency (ELP) levels so you can understand your child's WIDA ACCESS scores and see how teachers support them in the classroom.
- **At-Home Tips & Free Tools:** Simple ways to explore books, videos, and podcasts together (in English or your home language!), plus a curated list of free educational websites and library resources.

Click the link below to select your child's grade band and start exploring today!



**This is the link to the one-pager where parents can find the links to each grade band's resources.

EL FAMILY GUIDE

GEORGIA'S K-12 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS STANDARDS

ELA

Georgia's K–12 English Language Arts (ELA) Standards state what your child will learn in ELA from kindergarten through 12th grade. They will develop skills to help them understand what they read and how to communicate their ideas effectively.

Georgia's K-12 ELA Standards are organized into four main learning areas: **Foundations, Language, Texts,** and **Practices**.

Foundations *(K-5)*

Your child will explore how spoken words break down into smaller sounds and learn how written words carry meaning on a page. Building these early reading skills gives them the tools they need to read and write with ease.

Language

Your child will learn the rules of standard English, look closely at how sentences are created, and grow their vocabulary. This helps them become better at both understanding what they read and expressing what they think.

Texts

Your child will read, write, and discuss **texts** in a variety of formats. They will analyze how authors organize and express ideas while also learning to research, build arguments, and create their own meaningful texts.

Practices

Your child will build habits to discuss ideas, share their thinking, and explore new information through reading, writing, speaking, and listening. These practices help them build understanding and communicate more effectively.

Understanding Texts:

Texts is the name of one of the main ELA learning areas and it is also an important word used throughout Georgia's K-12 ELA standards. Text can also refer to anything created to share a message, like books, podcasts, videos, and more. Explore different texts with your child in English or your home language. Talk about the main idea, and ask your child what words, pictures, or sounds helped them understand it.

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