Kindergarten-SLAR TEKS

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills



Knowledge and Skills

Strand 1

- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, discussion, and thinking--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:
- (A) listen actively and ask questions to understand information and answer questions using multi-word responses;
- (B) restate and follow oral directions that involve a short, related sequence of actions;
- (C) share information and ideas by speaking audibly and clearly using the conventions of language;
- (D) work collaboratively with others by following agreed-upon rules for discussion, including taking turns; and
- (E) develop social communication such as introducing himself/herself, using common greetings, and expressing needs and wants.
- (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate phonological awareness by:
- (i) identifying and producing rhyming words;
- (ii) recognizing spoken alliteration or groups of words that begin with the same simple syllable or initial sound;
- (iii) identifying the individual words in a spoken sentence;
- (iv) identifying syllables in spoken words;
- (v) blending syllables to form multisyllabic words;
- (vi) segmenting multisyllabic words into syllables;
- (vii) identifying initial and final sounds in simple words;
- (viii) blending spoken phonemes to form syllables; and
- (ix) manipulating syllables within a multisyllabic word;
- (B) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by:
- (i) identifying and matching the common sounds that letters represent;
- (ii) using letter-sound relationships to decode one- and two-syllable words and multisyllabic words, including CV, VC, CCV, CVC, VCV, CVCV, CCVCV, and CVCCV;
- (iii) decoding words with silent h and consonant digraphs such as/ch/,/ rr/, and/ll/; and
- (iv) recognizing that new words are created when syllables are changed, added, or deleted;
- (C) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by:
- (i) spelling common letter and sound correlations; and
- (ii) spelling words with common syllabic patterns such as CV, VC, CCV, CVC, CVCV, CCVCV, and CVCCV;
- (D) demonstrate print awareness by:
- (i) identifying the front cover, back cover, and title page of a book;

- (ii) holding a book right side up, turning pages correctly, and knowing that reading moves from top to bottom and left to right with return sweep;
- (iii) recognizing that sentences are comprised of words separated by spaces and recognizing word boundaries;
- (iv) recognizing the difference between a letter and a printed word; and
- (v) identifying all uppercase and lowercase letters; and
- (E) develop handwriting by accurately forming all uppercase and lowercase letters using appropriate directionality.
- (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:
- (A) use a resource such as a picture dictionary or digital resource to find words:
- (B) use illustrations and texts the student is able to read or hear to learn or clarify word meanings; and
- (C) identify and use words that name actions; directions; positions; sequences; categories such as colors, shapes, and textures; and locations.
- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and interact independently with text for increasing periods of time.

Strand 2

- (5) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts with adult assistance;
- (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information with adult assistance;
- (C) make and confirm predictions using text features and structures with adult assistance;
- (D) create mental images to deepen understanding with adult assistance;
- (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society with adult assistance;
- (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding with adult assistance;
- (G) evaluate details to determine what is most important with adult assistance;
- (H) synthesize information to create new understanding with adult assistance; and
- (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, checking for visual cues, and asking questions when understanding breaks down with adult assistance.

Strand 3

- (6) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources;
- (B) provide an oral, pictorial, or written response to a text;

- (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
- (D) retell texts in ways that maintain meaning:
- (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as illustrating or writing; and
- (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate.

Strand 4

- (7) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) discuss topics and determine the basic theme using text evidence with adult assistance:
- (B) identify and describe the main character(s);
- (C) describe the elements of plot development, including the main events, the problem, and the resolution, for texts read aloud with adult assistance; and
- (D) describe the setting.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate knowledge of distinguishing characteristics of well-known children's literature such as folktales, fables, fairy tales, and nursery rhymes;
- (B) discuss rhyme and rhythm in nursery rhymes and a variety of poems:
- (C) discuss main characters in drama;
- (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:(i) the central idea and supporting evidence with adult assistance;
- (ii) titles and simple graphics to gain information; and
- (iii) the steps in a sequence with adult assistance:
- (E) recognize characteristics of persuasive text with adult assistance and state what the author is trying to persuade the reader to think or do; and (F) recognize characteristics of multimodal and digital texts.

Strand 5

- (9) Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
- (A) discuss with adult assistance the author's purpose for writing texts;
- (B) discuss with adult assistance how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
- (C) discuss with adult assistance the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
- (D) discuss with adult assistance how the author uses words that help the reader visualize; and
- (E) listen to and experience first- and third-person texts.

Strand 6

(10) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using

multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:

- (A) plan by generating ideas for writing through class discussions and drawings;
- (B) develop drafts in oral, pictorial, or written form by organizing ideas;
- (C) revise drafts by adding details in pictures or words;
- (D) edit drafts with adult assistance using standard Spanish conventions, including:
- (i) complete sentences:
- (ii) verbs, including the difference between ser and estar;
- (iii) singular and plural nouns, including gender-specific articles;
- (iv) adjectives, including articles;
- (v) prepositions:
- (vi) pronouns, including personal, and the difference in the use of formal pronoun usted and informal pronoun tú;
- (vii) capitalization of the first letter in a sentence and names:
- (viii) punctuation marks at the end of declarative sentences; and
- (ix) correct spelling of words with grade-appropriate orthographic patterns and rules; and
- (E) share writing.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts-genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
- (A) dictate or compose literary texts, including personal narratives; and
- (B) dictate or compose informational texts.

Strand 7

- (12) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
- (A) generate questions for formal and informal inquiry with adult assistance:
- (B) develop and follow a research plan with adult assistance;
- (C) gather information from a variety of sources with adult assistance;
- (D) demonstrate understanding of information gathered with adult assistance; and
- (E) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multimodal, to present results.

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