

Ohio Arts Education Curriculum Matrix for English Language Arts

Ohio English Language Arts Benchmarks/Indicators Grade 8	National Essential Skills Study (NESS) Rankings	Grade 8 Achievement Test	Visual Arts	Dance	Music	Theatre
1. Define unknown words through context clues and the author's use of comparison, contrast and cause and effect. <i>(Benchmark A)</i>	E5	M	✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Apply knowledge of connotation and denotation to determine the meaning of words. <i>(Benchmark C)</i>	E5	M	✓	✓	✓	✓
3. Identify the relationships of pairs of words in analogical statements (e.g., synonyms and antonyms) and infer word meanings from these relationships. <i>(Benchmark B)</i>	E5	L				
4. Infer the literal and figurative meaning of words and phrases and discuss the function of figurative language, including metaphors, similes and idioms. <i>(Benchmark C)</i>	E5 E38	L				
1. Apply reading comprehension strategies, including making predictions, comparing and contrasting, recalling and summarizing and making inferences and drawing conclusions. <i>(Benchmark A)</i>	E2 E12 E13	M	✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Answer literal, inferential, evaluative and synthesizing questions to demonstrate comprehension of grade-appropriate print texts and electronic and visual media. <i>(Benchmark B)</i>	E2	M	✓	✓	✓	✓
1. Compare and contrast text features, including format and headers of various informational texts in terms of their structure and purpose. <i>(Benchmark A)</i>	E12 E31 E35	H	✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Identify and use the organizational structure of a text, such as chronological, compare-contrast, cause-effect, problem-solution, and evaluate its effectiveness. <i>(Benchmark A)</i>	E31 E32	H	✓	✓	✓	✓