4th Grade

Highlights indicate Writing by Design® TEKS-Alignment

Knowledge and skills

- (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, ask relevant questions to clarify information, and make pertinent comments;
 - (B) follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a series of related sequences of action;
 - (C) express an opinion supported by accurate information, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, and the conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively; and
 - (D) work collaboratively with others to develop a plan of shared responsibilities.
- (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 and apply phonetic knowledge by:
 - (i) decoding words with specific orthographic patterns and rules, including regular and irregular plurals;
 - (ii) decoding multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables;
 - (iii) decoding words using advanced knowledge of syllable division patterns such as VV;
 - (iv) decoding words using knowledge of prefixes;

- (v) decoding words using knowledge of suffixes, including how they can change base words such as dropping e, changing y to i, and doubling final consonants; and
- (vi) identifying and reading high-frequency words from a research-based list;
- (B) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by:
 - (i) spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables;
 - (ii) spelling homophones;
 - (iii) spelling multisyllabic words with multiple sound-spelling patterns;
 - (iv) spelling words using advanced knowledge of syllable division patterns;
 - (v) spelling words using knowledge of prefixes; and
 - (vi) spelling words using knowledge of suffixes, including how they can change base words such as dropping e, changing y to i, and doubling final consonants; and
- (C) write legibly in cursive to complete assignments. Note: Directed by the teacher.
- (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 print or digital resources to determine meaning, syllabication, and pronunciation;
 - (B) use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the relevant meaning of unfamiliar words or multiple-meaning words;
 - (C) determine the meaning of and use words with affixes such as mis-, sub-, -ment, and -ity/ty and roots such as auto, graph, and meter; and
 - (D) identify, use, and explain the meaning of homophones such as reign/rain.

- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to use appropriate fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) when reading grade-level text.
- (5) 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 read independently for a sustained period of time.
- (6) 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;
 - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;
 - (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;
 - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding;
 - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
 - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
 - (G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
 - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and
 - (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.
- (7) 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, including self-selected texts;
- (B) write responses that demonstrate understanding of texts, including comparing and contrasting ideas across a variety of sources;
- (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
- (D) retell, paraphrase, or summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
- (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;
- (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate; and
- (G) discuss specific ideas in the text that are important to the meaning.
- (8) 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) infer basic themes supported by text evidence;
 - (B) explain the interactions of the characters and the changes they undergo;
 - (C) analyze plot elements, including the rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution; and
 - (D) explain the influence of the setting, including historical and cultural settings, on the plot.
- (9) 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, legends, myths, and tall tales;

- (B) explain figurative language such as simile, metaphor, and personification that the poet uses to create images;
- (C) explain structure in drama such as character tags, acts, scenes, and stage directions;
- (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
 - (i) the central idea with supporting evidence;
 - (ii) features such as pronunciation guides and diagrams to support understanding; and
 - (iii) organizational patterns such as compare and contrast;
- (E) recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by:
 - (i) identifying the claim;
 - (ii) explaining how the author has used facts for an argument; and
 - (iii) identifying the intended audience or reader; and
- (F) recognize characteristics of multimodal and digital texts.
- (10) 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) explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
 - (B) explain how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
 - (C) analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
 - (D) describe how the author's use of imagery, literal and figurative language such as simile and metaphor, and sound devices such as alliteration and assonance achieves specific purposes;

- (E) identify and understand the use of literary devices, including first- or third-person point of view;
- (F) discuss how the author's use of language contributes to voice; and
- (G) identify and explain the use of anecdote.
- (11) 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 a first draft by selecting a genre for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as brainstorming, freewriting, and mapping;
 - (B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by:
 - (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, and a conclusion; and
 - (ii) developing an engaging idea with relevant details;
 - (C) revise drafts to improve sentence structure and word choice by adding, deleting, combining, and rearranging ideas for coherence and clarity;
 - (D) edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
 - (i) complete simple and compound sentences with subject-verb agreement and avoidance of splices, run-ons, and fragments;
 - (ii) past tense of irregular verbs;
 - (iii) singular, plural, common, and proper nouns;
 - (iv) adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms;
 - (v) adverbs that convey frequency and adverbs that convey degree;
 - (vi) prepositions and prepositional phrases;
 - (vii) pronouns, including reflexive;

- (viii) coordinating conjunctions to form compound subjects, predicates, and sentences;
- (ix) capitalization of historical periods, events, and documents; titles of books; stories and essays; and languages, races, and nationalities;
- (x) punctuation marks, including apostrophes in possessives, commas in compound sentences, and quotation marks in dialogue; and
- (xi) correct spelling of words with grade-appropriate orthographic patterns and rules and high-frequency words; and
- (E) publish written work for appropriate audiences.
- (12) 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) compose literary texts such as personal narratives and poetry using genre characteristics and craft;
 - (B) compose informational texts, including brief compositions that convey information about a topic, using a clear central idea and genre characteristics and craft;
 - (C) compose argumentative texts, including opinion essays, using genre characteristics and craft; and
 - (D) compose correspondence that requests information.
- (13) 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 and clarify questions on a topic for formal and informal inquiry;
 - (B) develop and follow a research plan with adult assistance;
 - (C) identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources;
 - (D) identify primary and secondary sources;

- (E) demonstrate understanding of information gathered;
- (F) recognize the difference between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials;
- (G) develop a bibliography; and
- (H) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multimodal, to present results.

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TEKS Alignment

Scope and Sequence for 4th Grade

Introductory Six Traits Lessons

Six lessons for introducing the Six Traits of Writing:

Idea, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, and Conventions

Personal Narrative

Lesson	Objective & TEKS
Lesson 1	> Students will understand the memoir genre.
	Students will choose a topic for their memoir.
	TEKS
	> 6 A, C, E, G, I, 10 A, 11 A, 12 A
Lesson 2	Students will understand the purpose of engaging the reader.
	Students will write a repeating line for their paper.
	TEKS
	> 11 A, 12 A
Lesson 3	> Students will organize the events in their memoir.
	TEKS
	> 10 E, 11 A, 12 A
Lesson 4	> Students will add details to their memories on their outlines.
	TEKS
	> 10 E, 11, A, 12 A
Lesson 5	> Students will compose a rough draft using their outline as a guide.
	TEKS
	> 2 A-B, 4, 5, 11 A-B, 12 A
Lesson 6	> Students will write a reflective close.
	TEKS
	> 11 A-B, 12 A
Lesson 7	> Students will establish the mood and tone for their narrative.
	TEKS
	> 6 D, 11 C, 12 A

> Students will use key strategies to develop characters and events in their narrative.
TEKS
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> 2 A-B, 6 D, 8 A, 10 D, 11 C, 12 A
> Students will use figurative language effectively in their narrative.
TEKS
> 9 B, 10 F, 11 C, 12 A
> Students will use transitions effectively.
> Students will vary the beginning of sentences.
TEKS
➤ 11 C, 12 A
> Students will revise their narratives using the rubric.
TEKS
➤ 1 A-B, 2 A, 4, 5, 6 A, 11 D-E, 12 A
> Students will edit their narrative.
TEKS
➤ 1 A-B, D, 2 A, 4, 5, 6 A, 11 D-E, 12 A
> Students will write a Personal Memoir that reflects what they learned during the Personal
Memoir Unit. The memoir will include everything on the Genre Chart and will be
completed in one sitting.
TEKS
➤ 1 A-B, 2 A-B, 4, 5, 6 D, 9 B, 11, 12A

Summary of an Informative Text

Lesson	Objective & TEKS
Lesson 1	Students will understand the purpose of summary writing.
	Students will understand the differences and similarities between summarizing narratives and summarizing informational texts.
	TEKS
	> 6 A, C, F-G, I, 9 D ii, 11 A, 12 B, 13 B, E
Lesson 2	> Students will understand how organizational structure affects purpose in writing.
	Students will identify the organizational structure in the article they are reading.
	TEKS
	> 6 A, C, 9 D, 10 A-C, E, 11 A, 12 B, 13 B, E
Lesson 3	> Students will distinguish main ideas from trivial
	information.
	> Students will identify the main ideas in each paragraph of the article they are reading.

	TEKS
T aggan 4	2 A, 3 A-B, 4, 5, 6 F-G, I, 7 B-C, E, 9 Di-ii, 10 A-C, 11 A, 12 B, 13 B, E
Lesson 4	Students will identify the central idea and its function in an article or essay.
	Students will identify the central idea in the article they are reading.TEKS
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	> 3 A-B, 4, 5, 6 F, G, I, 7 C-G, 9 Di, 11 A, 12 B, 13 B, E
Lesson 5	> Students will understand how to use their outlines to compose their rough drafts.
	> Students will compose the rough draft of their summary.
	TEKS
	> 2 A-B, 4, 5, 7 C-G, 11 A-B, 12 B, 13 B, E
Lesson 6	> Students will understand the strategies used to write a conclusion.
	> Students will write the conclusion to their summary.
	TEKS
	7 C D f C 11 A D 12 D 12 D E
Lesson 7	 7 C-D, f-G, 11 A-B, 12 B, 13 B, E Students will understand the necessity of using their own words when writing.
Lesson /	 Students will understand the necessity of using their own words when writing. Students will practice paraphrasing idioms.
	TEKS
	> 4, 5, 6 G-H, 7 C-D, G, 11 B, 12 B, 13 B, E
Lesson 8	> Students will understand the importance and purpose of academic language.
	Students will replace common words with academic language
	TEKS
	> 3 A-B, 7 F, 11 B, 12 B, 13 B, E
Lesson 9	> Students will use transitions effectively.
	> Students will vary the beginning of sentences.
	TEKS
	> 11 B, 12 B, 13 B, E
Lesson 10	 Students will revise their essays using the rubric.
	TEKS
7 44	► 1 A-B, D, 2 A, 4, 5, 6 G-I, 11 C, 12 B, 13 B, E
Lesson 11	> Students will edit their essays.
	TEKS
	> 1 A-B, D, 2 A, 4, 5
Assessment	> Students will write a summary of an informational text that reflects what they learned
	during the Summary: Informational Unit. The summary should include everything on the
	Genre Chart and will be completed in one sitting.
	TEKS
	➤ 1 A-B, 2 A-B, 3 A-B, 4, 5, 6 A-C, F-I, 7 C-G, 9 D, 10 A-E, 11, 12 B, 13 B, E
	1 1 1 D, 2 1 D, 3 1 D, 1, 3, 5 1 C, 1 1, 7 C C, 7 D, 10 1 D, 11, 12 D, 13 D, D

Informative: Classification

Lesson	Objective & TEKS
Lesson 1	> Students will understand the purpose of informational writing.
	> Students will understand the organizational structure of classification.
	> Students will understand the purpose for their essay.
	TEKS
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Lesson 2	 6 A, C, 9 D, 10 E, 11 A, 12 B, 13 A-B, Students will distinguish between credible sources and unreliable sources.
Lesson 2	TEKS
	► 6 B, E-F, I, 4, 5, 9 F, 12 B, 13 D
Lesson 3	> Students will take notes using note cards for their essay.
	> Students will document all their sources as they conduct their research.
	TEKS
	> 3 A-B, 4, 5, 6 A-C, 6 F-I, 7 C-G, 9 D, 10 E, 11 A, 12 B
Lesson 4	> Students will understand the purpose of a thesis.
	 Students will write a thesis for their essay.
	TEKS
	► 4, 5, 6, F-I, 7 C-G, 9 D, 10 A-C, E, 11 B, 12 B, 13 E
Lesson 5	> Students will understand the purpose and benefit of creating an outline.
	> Students will organize their notes into an outline.
	TEKS
	> 4, 5, 6 F-I, 7 C-G, 11 A-B, 12 B, 13 B-C, E
Lesson 6	> Students will understand the importance of engaging the reader.
	> Students will write an engaging introduction.
	TEKS
	6 A C E E 11 D 12 D
Lesson 7	 6 A, C, E-F, 11 B, 12 B Students will understand how to use their outlines to compose their rough drafts.
Lesson 7	 Students will understand now to use their outlines to compose their rough drafts. Students will compose the rough draft of their essay.
	TEKS
	► 6 A, C, E-F, H, 7 C-D, G, 11 B, 12 B, 13 E
Lesson 8	> Students will understand the strategies used to write a conclusion.
	> Students will write the conclusion to their essay.
	TEKS
	> 11 B-C, 13 E, 12 B
Lesson 9	 Students will continue to develop their essays using various strategies.
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	➤ 11 B-C, 12 B, 13 E

Lesson 10	> Students will understand when and how to use parenthetical citations.
	> Students will understand and begin to embed quotations in their essays.
	TEKS
	➤ 11 C, D ix-x, 12 B, 13 G
Lesson 11	> Students will understand the importance and purpose of academic language and discipline-
	specific language.
	> Students will replace common words with academic or discipline-specific words.
	TEKS
	> 7 F, 11 C, 12 B
Lesson 12	> Students will use transitions effectively.
	> Students will vary the beginning of sentences.
	TEKS
	➤ 11 C, 12 B
Lesson 13	> Students will understand how illustrations can help aid comprehension.
	> Students will incorporate illustrations in their essay.
	TEKS
	▶ 9 D ii, 12 B
Lesson 14	> Students will revise their essays using the rubric.
	TEKS
	> 1 A-B, D, 2 A, 4, 5, 6 G, I, 7 G, 11 C, 12 B
Lesson 15	> Students will edit their essays.
	TEKS
	➤ 1 A-B, D, 2 A, 4, 5, 11 D, 12 B
Lesson 16	> Students will apply MLA format to the final draft of their essays.
	TEKS
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	> 11 D, E, 12 B
Assessment	> Students will write an informational essay that reflects what they learned during the
	Classification Unit.
	TEKS
	► 1 A-B, 2 A-B, 3 A-B, 4, 5, 6 A-C, E-I, 7 C-G, 9 D, 10 A-C, E, 11, 12 B, 13 A-H

Opinion

Lesson	Objective & TEKS
Lesson 1	 Students will understand the purpose of opinionative writing. Students will understand the purpose for writing an opinion. TEKS
	> 6 A, C, 9 E, 11 A, 12 C, 13 A-B
Lesson 2	> Student will understand there are many different viewpoints to consider when forming an opinion.

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	> Students will objectively summarize two different viewpoints.
	TEKS
	> 3 A-B, 4, 5, 6 B, E-F, I, 7 A-G, 9 E, 11 A, 12 C, 13 A-E
Lesson 3	> Students will understand the purpose of a claim.
Lesson	 Students will write a claim for their essay.
	TEKS
	➤ 4, 5, 9 E i-ii, 11 A, 12 C, 13 E
Lesson 4	> Students will understand the purpose and benefit of creating an outline.
	> Students will organize their reasons using an outline.
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Lesson 5	> 4, 5, 6 F-I, 7 E, 9 E i-ii, 11 A, 12 C, 13 B-C
Lesson 5	> Students will understand the importance of considering their audience and anticipating counterclaims.
	Students will identify possible counterclaims and write a rebuttal.
	TEKS
	► 6 E-F, H, 9 E iii, 7 B-E, 11 A, 12 C, 13 A-E
Lesson 6	> Students will understand the importance of engaging the reader.
	> Students will write an engaging introduction.
	TEKS
	► 11 D 12 C
Lesson 7	> 11 B, 12 C
Lesson /	 Students will understand how to use their outlines to compose their rough drafts. Students will compose the rough draft of their essay.
	TEKS
	> 2 A-B, 4, 5, 5 G-H, 6 G-H, 7 A-G, 9 E, 11 A-B, 12 C, 13 A-F
Lesson 8	> Students will understand the strategies used to write a conclusion.
	> Students will write the conclusion to their essay.
	TEKS
	► 6 H 7 D D 11 D 12 C
Lesson 9	 6 H, 7 B-D, 11 B, 12 C Students will continue to develop reasons and evidence in their essays.
Lesson	TEKS
	> 3 A-B, 4, 5, 6 G-I, 7 A-G, 9 E, 10 A-C, 11 B, 12 C, 13 A-F
Lesson 10	> Students will understand the importance and purpose of academic language and discipline
	specific language.
	> Students will replace common words with academic or discipline specific words.
	TEKS
	≥ 3 A-B 7 F 10 F 11 C 12 C
Lesson 11	 3 A-B, 7 F, 10 F, 11 C, 12 C Students will use transitions effectively.
LCBOII II	Students will use transitions effectively.Students will vary the beginning of sentences.
	TEKS
	> 11 C, 12 C

Lesson 12	> Students will revise their essays using the rubric. TEKS
	> 1 A-B, D, 2 A, 6 I, 7 G, 9 E, 11 C, 12 C, 13 A-F
Lesson 13	> Students will edit their essays.
	TEKS
	➤ 1 A-B, D, 2 A, 11 D-E, 12 C
Assessment	> Students will write an opinion essay that reflects what they learned during the Opinion
	Unit.
	TEKS
	➤ 1 A-B, 2 A-B, 3 A-B, 4, 5, 6 A-C, F-I, 7 A-G, 9 E, 10 A-C, F, 11, 12 C, 13 A-H

Total Number of Lessons: 62