

Dear English department heads & Academic VPs—

We have been meeting at the Chancery for the last year and a half to help build a toolkit of ELA standards resources. Our hope is that the toolkit offers some assistance in at least familiarizing yourself with the standards.

Link to the toolkit: <http://www.ocswv.org/files/ELAToolkit/ELA%20Virtual%20Tool-Kit.pdf>

Since there are many different resources in the toolkit, and your time is valuable, we thought we'd share our three favorites in case you were interested.

1) Templates--page two of the document, Section One, resource #4 (on the left side):

This full-page, per standard, resource provides all of the information found on the ELA CCSS Bookmarks (essential skills and concepts, academic vocabulary, question stems) and references the related College and Career Readiness Anchor Standard, along with both the previous and following grade level standard in order to highlight the continuum of learning. When applicable, Appendix B Sample Performance Tasks and Appendix C Writing Samples are referenced. Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Claims are also referenced. Finally, space is provided for note taking and planning use.

*It's kind of nice to have everything on one page.

2) Slider--page two of the document, Section One, resource #7 (on the right side):

ELA CCSS are presented with yellow highlights identifying the learning progressions at each grade level - great visual for teachers to see the nuances of the anchor standard and how it is presented at each grade level.

*Since the standards are often repetitive, this "slider" helps to pinpoint the language change from grade level to grade level. Use the slider at the top for grade range, and click on "Highlight changes at each grade level" to see the progression.

3) Curriculum Maps—page six of the document, Section Three, resource #38 (on the left side):

ELA CCSS grade level standards and "I Can" statements for each.

*A nice way to keep track of standards covered for the year.

We hope this information is helpful. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Take care.

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