



Pre-AP English 1 and Massachusetts ELA/Literacy Framework: Alignment Summary

Pre-AP courses focus deeply on a limited number of concepts and skills with the broadest relevance for high school coursework and college and career success. The course framework serves as the foundation of the course and defines these prioritized concepts and skills.

When teaching a Pre-AP course, teachers have purposeful time and space to bring their own voice and lessons into each unit to best meet the needs of their students and address the full range of state standards. This alignment summary demonstrates the deep connections between the Pre-AP English High School Course Framework and the Massachusetts ELA/Literacy Framework, Grades 9–10 to support teachers and schools in their planning. Along with the corresponding standards crosswalk, teachers and schools can use this alignment summary when planning and preparing to implement Pre-AP English 1.



Alignment at a Glance: Very Strong

MA ELA/Literacy Framework



Reading

- · Key Ideas and Details
- Craft and Structure
- Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
- Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

Writing

- Text Types and Purposes
- Production and Distribution of Writing
- Research to Build and Present Knowledge
- · Range of Writing

Speaking and Listening

- Comprehension and Collaboration
- Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

Language

- Conventions of Standard English
- Knowledge of Language
- Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

Discipline Highlights



Overall, the alignment between the Pre-AP English High School Course Framework and the MA ELA/Literacy Framework is very strong.



Across all strands of the MA framework, the majority of standards are fully covered by the Pre-AP framework.



All of the MA Speaking and Listening and Language standards are covered in full or in part by the Pre-AP framework.



Very strong alignment



= Partial alignment

Alignment between the Pre-AP English High School Course Framework and the MA ELA/Literacy Framework, Grades 9–10 is described as *very strong* or *partial*. A *very strong* alignment is one in which the majority of standards are fully addressed by the mapped Pre-AP Learning Objectives (LOs). A *partial* alignment is one in which the standards are partially addressed by the corresponding Pre-AP LOs. Partial alignment can occur when one framework includes greater specificity or extends beyond the scope of the other framework. Given the focused nature of the Pre-AP course framework, some partial alignments are to be expected.

Discipline Highlights



While the overall alignment between the MA ELA/Literacy Framework and the Pre-AP English 1 framework is very strong, there are a few areas of partial alignment due to the more granular nature of some of the standards in the MA ELA/Literacy Framework.



There are few partial alignments, and most of those are focused on discrete skills such as attending to spelling, providing a concluding section to a written text, and setting rules for peer discussions, or very specific content such as analyzing when a character's actions signal acceptance or rejection of cultural norms.



The Pre-AP framework includes opportunities to address a range of discrete skills within broader learning objectives such as LO 2.1C: Compose, revise, edit, and eventually share written work to ensure communication is clear and the intended rhetorical purpose and effect are achieved.

Summary

Beyond alignments to the course framework, it is also important for educators to turn to the Pre-AP shared principles and Pre-AP English areas of focus to understand the full picture of alignment between Pre-AP English 1 and the MA ELA/Literacy Framework. The shared principles and areas of focus represent the Pre-AP approach to teaching and learning, and these principles deeply address skill development and disciplinary practices that cannot be easily captured within a standards crosswalk. In summary, there are ample opportunities for teachers to address the grades 9–10 standards in the MA ELA/Literacy Framework with confidence throughout this course.



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