



# Pre-AP English 1 and Arkansas English Language Arts **Standards: 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 Arkansas English Language Arts Standards 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

#### AR ELA Standards:



- 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 Framework and the Arkansas English Language Arts Standards is very strong.



Across all strands of the AR ELA Standards, the majority of standards are fully addressed by the Pre-AP framework.



All standards from the AR ELA Standards related to Craft and Structure are covered in full by the Pre-AP framework.



All of the 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 Arkansas English Language Arts Standards 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 Learning Objectives. 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 Arkansas English Language Arts Standards 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 Arkansas English Language Arts Standards.



There are few partial alignments, with most of those focused on discrete skills such as attending to spelling, providing a concluding section to a written text, and setting rules for peer discussions.



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 Arkansas English Language Arts Standards. 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 Arkansas English Language Arts Standards with confidence throughout this course.



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