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WHAT IS PATHS TO COLLEGE AND CAREER?

Paths to College and Career is a comprehensive English Language Arts/Literacy curriculum that meets the demands and instructional shifts of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Modules, units, and lessons in Paths address the curriculum standards as detailed in the Publisher's Criteria and the EQuIP Rubric (http://www.achieve.org/files/EQuIP-ELArubric-06-24-13-FINAL.pdf). Paths provides engaging and challenging learning experiences for students. Likewisk, it provides meaningful support for educators as they encounter new instructional approaches and trategies that build students' skills and knowledge for success at the postsecondary level and in the workforce. Paths provides guidance to teachers for facilitating evidence-based conversations about text, developing students' academic vocabulary, teaching close reading, implementing Accountable Independent Reading (AIR), and unpacking the standards themselves.

Features of Paths to College and Career

Engaging, Complex Texts

In keeping with the guidance of the standards around increased text complexity, Paths includes a range of literary and information between the grade level. The program features familiar canadal and literary and information between the grade level. The program features familiar canadal and literary and information between the grade level. range of literary and information texts at each grade level. The program features familiar canonical literature, such as Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet and Edgar Allen Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart," as well as contemporary works, such as Jhumpa Lahiri's The Namesake and Karen Russell's "St. Lucy's Home for Girls Raised by Wolves." Paths also embodies the CCSS emphasis on informational text, featuring such literary nonfiction as Thoreau's "Civil Disobedience," Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail," and Julia Alvarez's "A Genetics of Justice." Through this diversity and balance of texts, Paths gives students at all levels the opportunity to grapple with, deconstruct, analyze, and make meaning from complex texts that address highly relevant and universal ideas and issues.

Depth of Reading

Paths is paced to allow students to carefully explore complex text through reading and rereading to fully investigate ideas, structures, and layers of meaning. Paths emphasizes depth of understanding

of the text students read rather than the breadth of texts "covered" in a curriculum. To allow for deep analysis of texts, some works are read in their entirety, while others are read in excerpted selections.

Paths ensures that students have the space, time, and support to navigate complex texts that are worth reading. Each lesson in the curriculum engages students in thinking, talking, and writing about the texts as they read, reread, and collaborate. In Paths, students work independently and in groups to address challenging text-based questions, recognizing and articulating their own confusions and understandings before teachers model problem solving or provide guidance. As students progress through the grades, their increased capacity for independent work with complex texts increases, leading to greater ownership of their own learning.

Revisiting and Annotating Text

Throughout Paths' lessons, students engage in reading both fiction and nonfiction in small chunks for specific purposes. Students may spend an entire class period on 10 lines of text to achieve a clear and common understanding. A central feature of achieving a depth of understanding involves annotating text. Paths regularly asks students to make note of specific parts of a text that contain important ideas or themes. These annotations and selections may spark connections there parts of the text or a different text, or require additional instructional attention to support comprehension and analysis.

Academic Vocabulary

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A key priority within *Paths* is building students' academ vocabulary through the study of Tier 2 words, which are transferable, high-leverage terms that the may encounter in other coursework or disciplines. Students encounter a large number of these works as they read a volume of challenging literary and informational texts through independent and classroom reading. Exposure to these words enables students to gain familiarity with them through context or, as appropriate, learn their meaning from the teacher.

Writing from Sources and Research

Paths emphasizes writing from sources and research, consistent with the expectations of the CCSS. Students write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes using the text as the basis for forming claims and making inferences. In addition to short research projects on a range of topics over the course of a year, students also participate in sustained, inquiry-based research about a topic derived from a module text.

Standards Assessed and Standards Addressed

Paths includes frequent and varied opportunities to assess student learning and track their progress toward success with the standards. These assessments can and should be used for formative purposes, but educators also may choose to select specific assessments for determining student progress. Paths includes rubrics and other tools that give the teacher data that may drive instruction or serve as a summative assessment.

In each lesson, *Paths* focuses on one or two "assessed standards" and another small group of "addressed standards." The core work of a lesson reflects the assessed standards and provides students opportunities to engage with the demands of the full standard(s). Reflecting the interrelated nature of the standards, each lesson also includes addressed standards, which scaffold student learning to support their work with those standards in future lessons and modules.

Daily assessments provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate their growth in relation to the standard(s) at the heart of each lesson. In some assessments, the language of the standard(s) is included directly in the prompt. As students gain familiarity with the standards, assessment questions begin to reflect the language of the standards less explicitly, requiring students to unpack the question.

Homework and Student Materials

Independent and Regular Reading

Paths focuses in-class experiences on close reading of complex text, which is a key way to support students' vocabulary growth. In addition, students must read widely and extensively in order to build their vocabularies outside the confines of the classroom.

In *Paths*, students read independently and regularly for the mework. Accountable Independent Reading (AIR) is an almost daily expectation for homework, and through protocols built into the lessons, students engage in accountable talk in pairs and with their teacher about their independent reading texts. Through these practices and expectation students quickly develop habits and routines around independent reading. In *Paths'* AIR program students independently consume a volume of text at an appropriate reading level, enabling them to navigate these texts on their own. These texts can and should connect to the topics and ideas a proposed in the curriculum modules.

The AIR program is Common Core conted, as students are asked to focus on an applicable reading standard to frame their reading. Thing Homework Accountability in the lesson following an AIR assignment, students discuss with a peer how they applied the focus standard to their AIR texts, providing textual evidence to demonstrate their understanding of the application of the standard.

The school librarian or media specialist should play a key role in helping students and teachers locate quality high-interest texts for students to read independently *at their own reading level* for homework. AIR is typically assigned several nights a week so that students quickly develop habits of mind around this practice.

Other/Additional Homework Outside of Independent Reading

In addition to AIR, students engage in other homework activities that extend the day's lesson or prepare students for the following day, supporting lower-performing students as they navigate grade-level complex text independently. Students who do not complete the homework still benefit from actively listening to the Homework Accountability activity in the following lesson.

Teacher Flexibility to Scaffold Students to Independence

Paths enables teachers to enact the standards and shifts in the high school ELA classroom, understanding that in any given classroom there is a range of student needs. To accommodate that reality, *Paths* offers flexibility in implementation. While the lessons provide detailed instructions and recommendations for educators, they also allow for teacher preference and adaptation, ensuring that what happens in the classroom both meets the needs of students and serves the shifts and the standards.

Timing

Each lesson suggests the proportion of a class period to spend on specific activities. Teachers using *Paths* should move at the pace they think is best given their students' needs and the literacy skills demanded by the standards. It is better to extend a lesson than to omit sections of it for the sake of time. That is, when students are engaged in substantive, evidence-based discourse and are making meaning of the text, it is not necessary to push forward into the next activity, question, or task. The priority in this work is that students consistently develop their ability to engage in rigorous discussions and evidence-based writing based on their analysis of texts. Teachers should continue to make decisions regarding what is most appropriate for their students as the students grow in their understanding and capacity for independent work.

Building Fluency

In *Paths*, masterful readings of whole texts or focus excerpts model fluent reading for students and give students opportunities to hear complex rext read with appropriate cadence, emphasis, tone, and pronunciation. Students reading below adde level benefit enormously from hearing the text read while they follow along, reading silently pries to deconstructing the text and conducting their own analyses. Some students may need two of these read-throughs in order to access the text with confidence. Masterful readings are provided through audio clips, or may be delivered via teacher read-alouds. Not only does a masterful reading bring students into the text with more confidence and comfort, but it does so while developing their ability to read more fluently. Classes with students reading on or near grade level might choose to limit masterful readings in favor of having students read independently or in small-group settings.

Paired and Group Reading/Collaborative Work

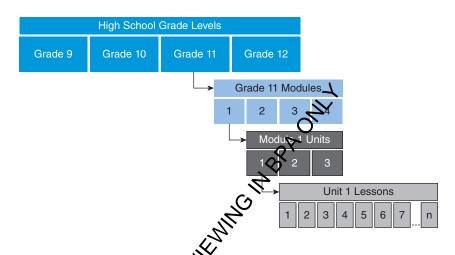
Collaboration plays a major role in students' readiness for college and careers. *Paths* provides a wide range of opportunities for students to collaborate while reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

In *Paths*, collaborative learning and the sharing of understandings and insights develop the habit of presenting the textual evidence that leads to a conclusion or claim. Listening to peers present and support their position based on evidence from the text strengthens all participants' capacity to do the

same. The standards weave together the four domains of reading, writing, speaking, and listening for just these reasons, and the curriculum is designed to reflect these priorities.

Paths to College and Career Organization and Structure

The high school curriculum comprises four grade levels (9–12). Each grade level includes four primary modules. Each module consists of up to three units, and each unit consists of a set of lesson plans.



Modules are arranged in units comprising one or more texts. The texts in each module share common elements in relation to genre, authors' craft, ext structure, or central ideas. Each unit in a module builds on the skills and knowledge students develop in the preceding unit(s). The number of lessons in a unit varies based on the length of the text(s). Each lesson is designed to span one class period but may extend beyond that time frame depending on student needs.

The *Paths to College and Caree* curriculum provides a full year of modules and units, including the following:

- Curriculum map
- Module overview
- Unit overview
- Formative and summative assessments, including a Module Performance Assessment
- Lesson plans
- Instructional Notes and Differentiation Considerations
- Tools and handouts
- Rubrics and checklists

Structure of a Module

Each module comprises up to three units and provides approximately eight weeks of instruction. Each unit includes a set of sequenced learning experiences that scaffold knowledge and understanding of the concepts and skills demanded by the CCSS. Module 1 at each grade level establishes the foundation of instructional routines used throughout the year.

Paths to College and Career reflects the principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to support

- English language learners (ELL)
- Students with disabilities (SWD)
- Accelerated learners
- Students performing below grade level

Lessons are not scripts but rather illustrations of how instruction might be sequenced. Each module is adaptable and allows for teacher preference and flexibility to meet both students' needs and the requirements of the instructional shifts and the standards.

Using Paths to College and Career Throughout each loss.

Throughout each lesson, unit, and module, and across algrade levels, *Paths* provides standards-aligned, engaging instruction and learning experiences. Students develop expertise in the standards as they practice them with a variety of topics and tasks. Instructional routines are consistent throughout the lessons, units, and modules, and across grade levels. This rigorous, rhythmic structure provides scaffolds for students as they develop greater independence and accountability for their own learning.

Launching a Module

Paths provides multiple supports in each module to facilitate instructional planning and effective delivery. The **Module Overview** vides a road map of the entire module. It includes:

- An **Introduction** to the key instructional concepts and texts of the module
- Literacy Skills and Habits that will be the emphasis of instruction
- English Language Arts Outcomes, including Year-long Target Standards and the Module-Specific Standards that are assessed and addressed
- A description of the final Module Performance Assessment
- A Module-at-a-Glance Calendar that conveniently presents key features of each unit: the unit's text(s), number of lessons, Literacy Skills and Habits, standards assessed and addressed, and the Mid- and End-of-Unit Assessments

This overview provides a panoramic view of the module and includes the information educators need to make decisions about adapting, enhancing, or changing learning activities.

Teaching a Unit

Parallel to the Module Overview, the **Unit Overview** provides essential information in an easy-tounderstand format to ensure that teachers are equipped to successfully implement and/or adapt the unit. The Unit Overview includes:

- An **Introduction** to the key texts and key instructional ideas in the unit
- The Literacy Skills and Habits developed in the unit
- The **Standards** assessed and addressed
- A description of the ongoing, Mid-Unit, and End-of-Unit Assessments
- A lesson-by-lesson overview of text(s), learning outcomes/goals, and assessments in the Unit-at-a-Glance Calendar

In addition, the Unit Overview recommends actions that the teacher should take in preparing for instruction, such as reading and annotating the texts, reviewing rubrics, and posting standards. Likewise, the instructional materials required for the unit are identified, such as chart paper; self-stick notes; copies of the texts, rubrics, checklists, handouts, and tools; and recommended technology.

Inside the Lesson

Lessons begin with front matter that equips the teacher with information about the key elements of the lesson. Each lesson's opening pages include:

- A narrative Introduction that previews the purpose of the lesson, its sequence and intended
 outcomes, and the key text(s) that serve as procus of the lesson
- The standards assessed and addressed in the lesson
- The lesson assessment and element a High Performance Response
- **Vocabulary** words, and guidance which words should be provided directly by the teacher and which should be taught
- A **Lesson Agenda/Overview** which includes the student-facing agenda that teachers can present to students, and suggested instructional time in percentages, reflecting the variety of class lengths and enabling the teacher to make informed decisions about pacing
- Instructional Materials that are specific to the lesson
- Guidance on how to use the Learning Sequence

The **Learning Sequence** specifies the progression of **Activities** and embeds teacher moves, student actions and possible responses, and Instructional Notes.

The first Activity is the **Introduction to the Lesson Agenda**, which orients students to the lesson and the standards it assesses.

Homework Accountability follows the introduction, wherein students review the homework they did for the previous lesson through such activities as self-assessing, discussing in pairs, and/or engaging as a group in discussion.

Sequenced **Activities** compose the bulk of the lesson and may include close reading and discussion, annotating, teacher modeling, vocabulary development, and partner or group work. As students prepare for a Mid-Unit or End-of-Unit Assessment, activities may give them an opportunity to plan, draft, revise, discuss, and peer- or self-assess. Work time varies from day to day according to the standards, texts, and tasks. At the end of the Learning Sequence is a Quick Write or other form of assessment on the learning in the lesson.

The lesson **Closing** provides homework instructions.

Support for the Teacher

In addition to information provided in the module and unit overviews, support is provided throughout the lesson in sections labeled Instructional Notes. Teacher Resource Books also offer a streamlined collection of the materials that teachers and students will need over the course of each module.

Instructional Notes offer scaffolding recommendations, background information, optional or differentiated activities, or optional reading and discussion questions for teachers to consider using, depending on how much time they have in their class period. Some Instructional Notes provide specific **Differentiation Considerations**, which suggest visuals, tools, practices, models, or adaptations for students who may need extra support to ochieve lesson goals.

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Teacher Resource Books include supporting materials that might be required for lessons. These materials may include specific reproducible tools, handouts, and rubrics and checklists.

INTRODUCTION TO TEACHER RESOURCE BOOK

The following materials are included in the Teacher Resource Book:

- Curriculum texts
- Tools
- Handouts
- Rubrics and checklists

Curriculum texts are included in the Teacher Resource Book whenever possible. Those texts provided come with secured permissions or fall in the public domain, and are also included in the Student Journals. The provision of many of the curriculum texts supports student learning by easing access to content and creating multiple opportunities for students to read, reread, and annotate their own copies of the texts.

Tools are intended for students to use in conjunction with specified lessons, building their capacity for analysis and note taking. Tools are designed to enable students to meet the demands of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), and support their progression on unit-specific standards and learning goals. Many lessons provide explicit guidance for teachers on how to use the related tools; teachers also may use tools as scaffolding for students, according to their needs. The Teacher Resource Book contains blank tools for distribution to students, as well as model tools, which provide examples of student work. Model tools can be used as a resource to help evaluate student learning and as a way to introduce students to a tool. In lesson and unit assessments, students are encouraged to reference their tools as they develop claims and collect and organize relevant evidence.

Handouts provide students relevant information that supports their engagement with the CCSS, and are intended to be used as references. Teachers distribute handouts to students in connection with specific learning objectives.

Rubrics and checklists within each lesson and unit assessment are aligned to the Publisher's Criteria and the EQuIP Rubric. These resources provide teachers with data to monitor and respond to student performance against the standards. Although most assessments in each module are intended to be formative, the rubrics and checklists allow teachers to use assessments for summative purposes as well. These materials also serve as a resource for students, who refer to them to guide their work and assess themselves and their peers during learning activities.

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