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## Curriculum for the Future

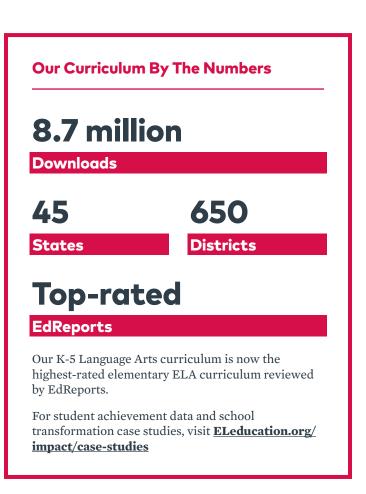
# Introducing the EL Education K-8 Language Arts Curriculum

The things our children learn today must prepare them for a future of resilience, problem-solving, collaboration, and innovation in skilled careers that may not even exist yet. The award-winning EL Education K-8 Language Arts Curriculum uniquely prepares children for a future of high achievement in more ways than one.



The EL Education Language Arts Curriculum can prepare students to:

- » Prove mastery of complex knowledge and skills on state tests and other assessments,
- » Produce high quality work,
- » And develop positive, ethical character.



"What I like about the curriculum is that we are teaching kids how to think again: to find the answers using critical thinking, to challenge assumptions, and to support their conclusions with evidence." **-Teacher of the EL Education Language Arts Curriculum** 

#### Inside the Classroom

What are children doing and saying in class each day with the EL Education Language Arts Curriculum?

#### **Taking risks**

Students stretch and grow their abilities by engaging with difficult texts and opening up to feedback from others by sharing their thinking. They surprise themselves with the levels they're able to achieve.

#### **Loving books**

Students get hooked on what they're reading and ask for more. The content is interesting, relevant, and fun. There are no textbooks or anthologies, only original texts.

#### Working together

The curriculum makes room for students to collaborate in pairs, small groups, or as an entire class. Students with different proficiency levels and abilities have opportunities to work together on the same content and learn from one another.

#### **Owning standards**

Students take ownership of their learning and can tell you their learning targets for each module. They know their jobs as learners and have plans to meet their goals.

#### Using expert vocabulary

Students can use expert-level academic and subject-specific vocabulary in discussions and writing about compelling topics.

#### Citing evidence

Students refer to specific examples from the texts they're reading to make a strong case for their positions in writing and discussion.

#### **Iterating**

Students consistently give and receive feedback and revise their work to bring it to a higher standard of excellence.

#### Thinking critically

Students engage in original research and deep interdisciplinary investigations of rich academic topics. They develop habits of inquiry, analysis, critical thinking, and craftsmanship.

#### **Presenting**

Students proudly present high-quality learning products to peers, teachers and others beyond the classroom, knowing that their school work can have a positive impact on the world.

#### **For Parents**

Parents and caregivers can help students engage in the new curriculum.



#### **Discuss at Home**

Encourage and support conversations at home about topics students experience in class. Help them connect learning to current events and real world experiences.



#### **Read at Home**

Provide books and support reading that aligns with the curriculum at home. Visit **curriculum.ELeducation. org/texts** for recommended books that support standards for each grade.



### Attend Presentations of Learning

Students have many chances to test their knowledge and improve their skills before state tests. Talk to your child's teacher, attend events, and help students by giving feedback or acknowledging the impact of their work.



#### **Explore the Curriculum**

Visit <u>Curriculum.</u>
<u>ELEducation.org</u> to see what students are working on throughout the year.

#### What is EL Education?

EL Education is a national nonprofit redefining student achievement in diverse communities across the country, ensuring that all students master rigorous content, develop positive character, and produce high-quality work. We help create great public schools where they are needed most, inspiring teachers and students to achieve more than they thought possible. Learn more at **ELeducation.org**.