

Wyoming Department of Education Required Virtual Education Course Syllabus

BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

Program Name	WYCA	Content Area	Language Arts
Course ID	CALA76019	Grade Level	6
Course Name	Language Arts 6 B	# of Credits	0.5
SCED Code	NoCourseSCED	Curriculum Type	Connections Academy

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In sixth grade, through the study of authors such as Elizabeth Partridge, Gary Soto, and Langston Hughes, the student will ponder such questions as “Is conflict always bad?”; “How do we decide who we are?”; and “How much do our communities shape us?” Short- and long-term research engages the student’s curiosity and critical-thinking skills. The student is encouraged to support these ideas with evidence as the student practices narrative, informative, and persuasive writing.

The student will sharpen and strengthen skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. The student is exposed to a wide variety of writing styles to create a sense of curiosity and excitement. The student will improve comprehension of increasingly complex literature and informational texts using a multi-draft reading approach as the student discusses, analyzes, and critiques. The student will learn to make connections between readings, OT titles, and the world. The student will also expand an academic vocabulary and build confidence through independent reading. The student will write expository and creative compositions and employ test-taking strategies that are effective for different types of learners.

WYOMING CONTENT AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

RL.6.1	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
RL.6.2	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
RL.6.3	Describe how a particular story’s or drama’s plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.
RL.6.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
RL.6.5	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.
RL.6.6	Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.
RL.6.7	Compare and contrast the experience of reading a story, drama, or poem to listening to or viewing an audio, video, or live version of the text, including contrasting what they “see” and “hear” when reading the text to what they perceive when they listen or watch.
RL.6.9	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories) in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics.
RL.6.10	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
RI.6.1	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
RI.6.2	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
RI.6.3	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
RI.6.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.
RI.6.5	Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas.
RI.6.6	Determine an author’s point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text.
RI.6.7	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
RI.6.8	Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.
RI.6.9	Compare and contrast one author’s presentation of events with that of another (e.g., a memoir written by and a biography on the same person).
RI.6.10	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
W.6.1	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
W.6.1.a	a. Introduce claim(s) and organize the reasons and evidence clearly.
W.6.1.b	b. Support claim(s) with clear reasons and relevant evidence, using credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
W.6.1.c	c. Use words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among claim(s) and reasons.
W.6.1.d	d. Establish and maintain a formal style.
W.6.1.e	e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the argument presented.
W.6.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
W.6.2.a	a. Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
W.6.2.b	b. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
W.6.2.c	c. Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
W.6.2.d	d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
W.6.2.e	e. Establish and maintain a formal style.
W.6.2.f	f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
W.6.3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
W.6.3.a	a. Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
W.6.3.b	b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
W.6.3.c	c. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
W.6.3.d	d. Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
W.6.3.e	e. Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
W.6.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
W.6.5	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6 on page 52.)
W.6.6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of three pages in a single sitting.
W.6.7	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
W.6.8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
W.6.9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
W.6.9.a	a. Apply <i>grade 6 Reading standards</i> to literature (e.g., “Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres [e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories] in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics”).
W.6.9.b	b. Apply <i>grade 6 Reading standards</i> to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not”).
W.6.10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
SL.6.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on <i>grade 6 topics, texts, and issues</i> , building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.
SL.6.1.a	a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
SL.6.1.b	b. Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
SL.6.1.c	c. Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

SL.6.1.d	d. Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
SL.6.2	Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study
SL.6.3	Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.
SL.6.4	Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
SL.6.5	Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, images, music, sound) and visual displays in presentations to clarify information.
SL.6.6	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 6 Language standards 1 and 3 on page 52 for specific expectations.)
L.6.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
L.6.1.a	a. Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive).
L.6.1.b	b. Use intensive pronouns (e.g., <i>myself, ourselves</i>).
L.6.1.c	c. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person.
L.6.1.d	d. Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
L.6.1.e	e. Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
L.6.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
L.6.2.a	a. Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
L.6.2.b	b. Spell correctly.
L.6.3	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
L.6.3.a	a. Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.
L.6.3.b	b. Maintain consistency in style and tone.
L.6.4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>grade 6 reading and content</i> , choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
L.6.4.a	a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
L.6.4.b	b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., <i>audience, auditory, audible</i>).
L.6.4.c	c. Consult general reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
L.6.4.d	d. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
L.6.5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
L.6.5.a	a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., personification) in context.
L.6.5.b	b. Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category) to better understand each of the words.
L.6.5.c	c. Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., <i>stingy, scrimping, economical, unwholesome, thrifty</i>).
L.6.6	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

UNIT OUTLINE	STANDARD#	OUTCOMES
<p>Unit 1: MS LA Course Overview</p> <p>In this unit, you will receive a basic overview of the course. You will learn about the course structure built around the Literature series textbook, and preview the different icons and assessments included throughout the course. You will also explore and learn more about interactive reviews, novel units, and Independent Reading roles.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Learn about the course structure built around the Literature series textbook •Preview the different icons and assessments included throughout the course •Explore and learn more about interactive reviews, novel units, and Independent Reading roles.
<p>Unit 2: Rhythm and Rhyme</p> <p>In this unit, you will explore the Big Question: Do we need words to communicate well? You will read poems multiple times to deepen your understanding of literature and to better understand the author's craft. You will read poetry to explore the structure of poems, figurative language, sound devices, and imagery. You will practice paraphrasing and drawing conclusions. Finally, you will use adjectives, adverbs, and conjunctions, and use coordinating conjunctions.</p>	<p>RL.6.1, RL.6.2, RL.6.3, RL.6.4, RL.6.5, RL.6.6, RL.6.9, RL.6.10</p> <p>RI.6.1, RI.6.2, RI.6.3, RI.6.4, RI.6.5, RI.6.6, RI.6.7, RI.6.8, RI.6.10</p> <p>W.6.1, W.6.1.a, W.6.1.b, W.6.1.c, W.6.1.d, W.6.1.e, W.6.4, W.6.5, W.6.6, W.6.7, W.6.8, W.6.9, W.6.9.a, W.6.9.b, W.6.10</p> <p>SL.6.1, SL.6.1.a, SL.6.1.b, SL.6.1.c, SL.6.1.d, SL.6.3, SL.6.4, SL.6.6</p> <p>L.6.1, L.6.1.e, L.6.2, L.6.2.b, L.6.3, L.6.3.a, L.6.3.b, L.6.4, L.6.4.a, L.6.4.c, L.6.4.d, L.6.5, L.6.5.a, L.6.5.c, L.6.6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Use context clues; analyze rhythm and rhyme, paraphrase; analyze forms of poetry; analyze imagery •Identify adjectives and adverbs; use conjunctions and interjections; use coordinating conjunctions •Predict, define, and accurately use academic vocabulary words related to communication •Prewrite, draft, revise, and edit an argumentative essay •Read, analyze, and connect an independent reading text to other literature and your personal experiences
<p>Unit 3: Adventures and Imagination</p> <p>In this unit, you will explore the Big Question: How do we decide who we are? You will read dramas multiple times to deepen your understanding of literature and to better understand the author's craft and purpose. You will read to explore the features of dramas, dialogue and stage directions. You will practice paraphrasing and summarizing. Finally, you will identify participles and gerunds, use prepositional phrases and appositives, and practice combining sentences using phrases.</p>	<p>RL.6.1, RL.6.2, RL.6.3, RL.6.4, RL.6.5, RL.6.6, RL.6.9, RL.6.10</p> <p>RI.6.1, RI.6.2, RI.6.3, RI.6.4, RI.6.5, RI.6.6, RI.6.8, RI.6.9, RI.6.10</p> <p>W.6.2, W.6.2.a, W.6.2.b, W.6.2.d, W.6.2.e, W.6.2.f, W.6.4, W.6.5, W.6.6, W.6.7, W.6.8, W.6.9, W.6.9.a, W.6.9.b, W.6.10</p> <p>SL.6.1, SL.6.1.a, SL.6.1.b, SL.6.1.c, SL.6.1.d, SL.6.2, SL.6.3, SL.6.4, SL.6.5, SL.6.6</p> <p>L.6.1, L.6.1.e, L.6.2, L.6.2.a, L.6.2.b, L.6.3, L.6.4, L.6.4.a, L.6.4.c, L.6.4.d, L.6.5, L.6.5.c, L.6.6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Summarize, compare and contrast to analyze author's purpose •Identify and use prepositions and prepositional phrases, identify and use appositives and appositive phrases, revise writing using participles •Predict, define, and accurately use academic vocabulary words related to learning •Prewrite, draft, revise, and edit a research presentation •Read, analyze, and connect an independent reading text to other literature and your personal experiences

<p>Unit 4: Walk Two Moons</p> <p>In <i>Walk Two Moons</i>, 13-year-old Salamanca "Sal" Hiddle narrates the story as she and her grandparents embark on a road trip from Euclid, Ohio, to Lewiston, Idaho. Sal, hurt and confused, struggles to accept the fact that her mother has left her and her father. The family heads to Lewiston, Idaho, where Sal hopes to be able to convince her mother to return home. While on the road, they stop to visit historic landmarks and experience the beautiful landscape of the Midwest. To pass the time in the car, Sal tells her grandparents a peculiar story about her best friend, Phoebe Winterbottom. It is this story within a story that helps Sal better understand her mother's decision and begin to heal. This road trip changes their lives and impacts their family forever. In this unit, you will identify literary elements, analyze characters, and use comprehension strategies to make connections and draw conclusions.</p>	<p>RL.6.1, RL.6.2, RL.6.3, RL.6.4, RL.6.5, RL.6.6, RL.6.10</p> <p>RI.6.1</p> <p>W.6.7, W.6.8, W.6.9, W.6.10</p> <p>SL.6.1, SL.6.4, SL.6.6</p> <p>L.6.1, L.6.2, L.6.2.b, L.6.3, L.6.4, L.6.4.a, L.6.5, L.6.6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to literal, inferential, and critical thinking questions before, during, and after reading the text • Make inferences and draw conclusions • Analyze connections between the characters, setting, plot, and theme • Examine the author's craft and use of literary archetypes in a novel • Define new vocabulary and identify words in context
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