

## Web Sites for Common Core English/Language Arts Standards

The recently introduced (June 2, 2010) Common Core Standards are relevant to the field of gifted education. A review of these standards reveals an increased emphasis on rigor. Educators of gifted students may choose to look at our own curricula to ensure that our expectations for academically talented learners exceed those of the standard curriculum. Below are some links to components of the English/Language Arts Standards and related resources.

<http://www.corestandards.org/the-standards> This is the home page of the standards web site. From this site, the standards and appendices may be accessed.

<http://www.corestandards.org/the-standards/english-language-arts-standards/anchor-standards/college-and-career-readiness-anchor-standards-for-reading> These are the 10 anchor standards for reading. The standards for the other areas of English/Language Arts can be accessed at this same URL.

[http://www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix\\_A.pdf](http://www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix_A.pdf) This appendix consists of supporting research for the English/Language Arts Common Core Standards and includes key terms. On the bottom of page 8, there is a revised lexile chart showing the lexile bands that align to the new Common Core Standards expectations.

[http://www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix\\_B.pdf](http://www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix_B.pdf) This site includes grade level text exemplars for literature. Sample performance tasks are included for both literature and informational texts at each grade-level grouping.

<http://www.nagc.org/uploadedFiles/Advocacy/common%20core%20state%20standards%20statement%20%286-2-10%29.pdf> The National Association for Gifted Children has issued a brief statement concerning the new Common Core Standards as they relate to gifted and talented learners.

[http://www.nciea.org/publications/TextComplexity\\_KH05.pdf](http://www.nciea.org/publications/TextComplexity_KH05.pdf) This link reviews issues and research related to text complexity. It also contains helpful charts that describe indicators of text complexity for different grade levels, including sample titles. These would be useful in raising the expectations for gifted learners.