

Alexandria Township's Language Arts Curriculum Philosophy Statement

The vision for language arts in Alexandria Township School District is to develop learners' competency in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and media literacy. This curriculum will encourage learners to further develop strategies and skills that will allow them to become independent, confident communicators able to critically examine and evaluate various sources of information.

To achieve this vision, the curriculum in *Language Arts* will provide all learners with a balanced, comprehensive, literacy program which integrates instruction in reading, writing, speaking, listening, spelling, grammar usage, mechanics, and sentence construction. The curriculum will enable all learners to access, view, evaluate, and respond to print, non-print, and electronic texts and resources.

We will know we have achieved this vision for curriculum in language arts when all learners can read a variety of print with fluency and comprehension. Learners will write and speak in a clear, concise, organized language. All learners will be able to listen actively to a variety of sources and respond to different forms of written and unwritten material across the curriculum.