



**Arlington
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Advisory Council on Teaching and Learning

ACTL Discussions on English Language Arts

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English Language Arts (ELA) Key Takeaways

- Teachers have new ELA resources:
 - [CKLA](#) (Grades K-5)
 - [HMH-Into Lit VA](#) (Grades 6-12)
- The ELA Office is continuing to align instruction with the science of reading and writing and evidence-based practices.
- The ELA Office is supporting and guiding teachers in aligning curriculum, instruction, assessments, and APS resources.

(For more info, the presentation from Sarah Cruz, Elementary ELA Supervisor, and Lori Silver, Secondary ELA Supervisor, can be found [here](#).)

Questions for **ELEMENTARY** Communities

- How is your school doing in terms of implementing the new literacy program and how are kids responding?
- What concerns do you have about ELA? Is there anything missing from their instruction that you would like to see added?
- What information and communication methods have been useful in understanding your school's ELA program? What do you want to know more about?
- Is the teacher feedback that your child receives on ELA assignments helpful?

Questions for Middle & High School Communities

- How is your school communicating with families about ELA requirements and course options?
- Has your child received interventions for English Language Arts? Have they been effective?
- What kind of help with English Language Arts is available for students at your school? How easy is it for your student to access support resources?
- Is the teacher feedback your child receives on English Language Arts assignments useful?

Share Feedback

Please share feedback with the ACTL rep from your school or group, who will share it back with ACTL. Your input will help inform ACTL's summary memo on this topic to APS leadership and the School Board.

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