

## Minnesota K-12 ELA Standards

### Quick Facts

- Adopts the CCSS in whole (word for word)
- *Additionally*, includes media literacy and viewing standards (approximately 18% more standards)
- Serve to translate into age- and attainment-appropriate terms the aims of the College and Career Readiness standards released in draft form in 2009
- Deep correlation of MN K-12 ELA standards to national/international standards (NAEP/PISA)

### Shifts in New Standards From Previous MN K-12 ELA Standards

(the first three are accepted as overall shifts; the last two are emphasized here for information purposes)

- Greater emphasis on building knowledge through content-rich non-fiction
- Equal emphasis on the sophistication of what students read and the skills with which they read, write and speak, grounded in evidence from both literary and informational texts of increasing complexity
- Regular practice with complex texts, including content-area texts, and their specific academic language
- Inclusion of content literacy in the following other content areas: history/social studies, science, and technical subjects
- *A focus on the ends, not the means*

### Other Aspects Worth Focus

- Standards are not done in grade level isolation; rather, teachers can use grade level bands to make instructional decisions
- Intentional integration across content areas, specifically in the areas of history/social studies, science, media literacy and technology
- Standards that seem the same actually require a different level of depth and complexity
- Beginning in 2013-2014, students will be taking the MCA-III in Reading online. Therefore, accessing resources that engage students in online reading and navigation is critical to help prepare students for success in this new format.

### Resources

- Specific strategies are being integrated into Focused Instruction cohort sessions that are directly tied to the MN K-12 ELA standards and K-12 content standards
- Great link to our staff intranet with resources regarding the MN K-12 ELA Standards:  
<https://staff.mpls.k12.mn.us/Depts/ela/Pages/Standards/MN%20Common%20Core%20Standards%20Support/MN-Common-Core-Standards-Support.aspx>