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Florida Standards Alignment - Grade 4

Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards: English Language Arts

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ELA Expectations

Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.K12.EE.1.1	Cite evidence to explain and justify reasoning.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● instruct students to cite direct and indirect evidence in Short Stacks nonfiction articles by utilizing the highlight feature and justify their reasoning by utilizing the annotate feature. ● customize challenge activities to assess students' abilities to cite evidence and justify reasoning when evaluating a text. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to cite evidence and justify reasoning when evaluating a text.
ELA.K12.EE.2.1	Read and comprehend grade-level complex texts proficiently.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● assign grade-level Short Stacks articles to gauge student comprehension. Encourage students who are below grade-level to listen to the articles with the read-aloud feature. ● track student reading and assess comprehension using reading validation challenges. ● track students' reading logs with various reports and insights that assess reading habits, which correlate to grade-level reading proficiency and comprehension. ● encourage students who are reading below their grade level to listen to Short Stacks articles using the read-aloud feature.

		- read a text aloud to a whole class or small group, then instruct students to complete corresponding challenge activities. This ensures all students have the opportunity to access grade-level texts and learn grade-level vocabulary. - embed links to differentiated texts and increase the accessibility of texts in challenge activities. - customize a reading list challenge by assigning a specific book or books, based on students' reading levels. - create compelling reading challenges, badges, and rewards to motivate students to read independently for a sustained period of time. - run reading competitions and encourage students to build reading streaks by logging daily reading sessions.
ELA.K12.EE.3.1	Make inferences to support comprehension.	Media specialists/teachers can: - have students cite evidence in Short Stacks articles using the highlight feature and justify their inferences using the annotate feature. - customize challenge activities to assess students' abilities to make inferences about literary elements. - assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to make inferences about literary elements.
ELA.K12.EE.4.1	Use appropriate collaborative techniques and active listening skills when engaging in discussions in a variety of	Media specialists/teachers can: have students cite evidence in Short Stacks articles using the highlight feature and justify their claims or counterclaims using the annotate feature.

	situations.	● customize challenge activities to create a small group or whole group activity where students build on ideas, propel the conversation, and support claims and counterclaims with evidence. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and create a small group or whole group activity where students build on ideas, propel the conversation, and support claims and counterclaims with evidence.
ELA.K12.EE.5.1	Use the accepted rules governing a specific format to create quality work.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● create checklists, rubrics, and examples to accompany Short Stacks articles. ● link checklists, examples, and rubrics in challenge activities, allowing students to take ownership of their work. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and support students in using linked checklists, examples, and rubrics to create quality work in a specified format.
ELA.K12.EE.6.1	Use appropriate voice and tone when speaking or writing.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● link resources and tailor questions in challenge activities that teach voice and tone in writing.

Foundational Skills
Learning and Applying Foundational Reading Skills

Phonics and Word Analysis

Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.4.F.1.3	Use knowledge of grade-level phonics and word-analysis skills to decode words.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● incorporate decoding activities using Short Stacks articles. ● customize challenge activities to include decoding activities. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and include accompanying decoding activities.
Fluency		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.4.F.1.4	Read grade-level texts with accuracy, automaticity, and appropriate prosody or expression.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● listen as a student reads their independent reading book aloud to assess student fluency and then review the appropriateness of text levels in their reading log. ● assign students to a small group to practice reading Short Stacks articles aloud or allow students of differing abilities to use the read-aloud feature to hear fluent reading modeled. ● customize challenge activities to include links to differentiated content and assess students' abilities to read grade-level texts with accuracy, automaticity, and appropriate prosody or expression. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to read grade-level texts with accuracy, automaticity, and appropriate prosody or expression.

Reading Standards
Reading Prose and Poetry

Literary Elements		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.R.1.1	Explain **how setting, events, conflict, and character development contribute to the plot** in a literary text.	Media specialists/teachers can: • customize challenge activities to require students to explain how the setting, events, conflict, and character development contribute to the plot in a literary text.
Theme		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.R.1.2	Explain **a stated or implied** theme and how it develops, using details, in a literary text.	Media specialists/teachers can: • customize challenge activities to require students to explain a stated or implied theme and how it develops, using details, in a literary text. Explaining how the theme develops should include how characters respond to situations and how the speaker reflects upon a topic.
Perspective and Point of View		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.R.1.3	Identify **the narrator's point of view and explain the difference between a narrator's point of**	Media specialists/teachers can: • customize challenge activities to require students to identify the narrator's point of view and explain the difference between the narrator's point of view and a character perspective in a literary text.

	view and character perspective in a literary text.	

Poetry		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.R.1.4	**Explain how** rhyme and **structure create meaning** in a poem.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● customize the Beanstack Poetry Challenge template to include links to various poems and questions about how rhyme and structure create meaning in a poem.

Reading Informational Text

Structure		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.R.2.1	Explain how text features contribute to the meaning and identify the text structures of **problem/solution, sequence, and description** in texts.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● customize challenge activities to include questions about text features. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to identify text features and explain how they contribute to the meaning of texts.
Central Idea		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**

ELA.4.R.2.2	**Explain** how relevant details support the central idea, **implied or explicit**.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● customize challenge activities to include questions about the central idea, implied or explicit. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to explain how relevant details support the central idea, implied or explicit.
Author's Purpose and Perspective		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.R.2.3	Explain an **author's perspective toward a topic** in an informational text.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● customize challenge activities to include questions about an author's perspective toward a topic in an informational text. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to explain an author's perspective toward a topic.
Argument		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.R.2.4	Explain an author's claim and the **reasons and evidence** used to support the claim.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● instruct students to utilize the highlight and annotate features in Short Stacks articles when finding evidence to support the author's claim. ● customize challenge activities to include questions about the author's claim, including reasons and evidence used to support the claim. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to explain an author's claim and the reasons and evidence used to support the claim.

Reading Across Genres

Figurative Language		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.R.3.1	Explain **how figurative language contributes to meaning** in text(s).	Media specialists/teachers can: ● use the Beanstack Genre Challenge template to cover specific genres, titles, and types of figurative language questions. ● customize challenge activities to include questions about explaining how figurative language contributes to meaning in text(s). ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to explain how figurative language contributes to meaning in text(s).
Paraphrase and Summarize		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.R.3.2	Summarize a text to enhance comprehension: a. Include plot and theme for a literary text; b. **Include** the central idea and relevant details for an informational text.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● customize challenge activities to include writing a summary of a literary text, including the plot and theme. ● customize challenge activities to include writing a summary of an informational text, including the central idea and relevant details. ● customize the Beanstack Genre Challenge to cover specific genres, titles, and how to write a summary. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to summarize a text.

		● use the Beanstack book review feature for students to review and summarize a text.

Comparative Reading		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.R.3.3	Compare and contrast **accounts of the same event using primary and/or secondary sources**.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● assign Short Stacks articles and include additional primary and/or secondary sources on the same event, for students to compare and contrast. ● customize challenge activities to include comparing and contrasting accounts of the same event using primary and/or secondary sources. ● customize the Beanstack Genre Challenge to cover specific genres, titles, topics, and primary/secondary sources. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to compare and contrast accounts of the same event using primary and/or secondary sources.

Communication Standards
Communicating Through Writing

Narrative Writing		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.C.1.2	Write personal or fictional	Media specialists/teachers can:

	narratives using a logical sequence of events and **demonstrating an effective use of techniques** such as descriptions and transitional words and phrases.	● customize challenge activities to include writing a personal or fictional narrative. ● link resources in challenge activities that provide examples of grade-appropriate narrative writing.

Argumentative Writing

Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.4.C.1.3	Write **to make a claim supporting a perspective with logical reasons, using evidence from** multiple sources, **elaboration, and an organizational structure** with transitions.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● customize challenge activities to include written claims, supporting a perspective with logical reasons, and using evidence from multiple sources. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to write claims, support a perspective with logical reasons, and use evidence from multiple sources. ● link resources in challenge activities that provide examples of grade-appropriate written claims.

Expository Writing

Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.4.C.1.4	Write expository texts about a topic, using **multiple sources, elaboration**, and an **organizational structure** with transitions.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● customize challenge activities to include an expository text writing prompt about a topic, using multiple sources. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to write expository texts about a topic, using

		multiple sources. ● link resources in challenge activities that provide examples of grade-appropriate expository writing.

Following Conventions

Conventions		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.C.3.1	Follow the rules of standard English grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling appropriate to grade level.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● customize challenge activities to include writing prompts that require mastery of grade-level conventions. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to write using grade-level conventions.

Researching

Researching and Using Information		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.C.4.1	Conduct research to answer a question, organizing information about the topic, using multiple **valid** sources.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● assign Short Stacks articles for students to use when conducting research using multiple valid sources. ● customize challenge activities to include launching a research project

		using multiple valid sources. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to conduct research using multiple valid sources.

Creating and Collaborating

Multimedia		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.C.5.1	**Arrange** multimedia elements **to create emphasis** in oral or written tasks.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● embed multimedia elements in challenge activities so students can learn how to arrange multimedia elements to create emphasis in oral or written tasks.
Technology in Communication		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.C.5.2	Use digital writing tools individually or collaboratively to plan, draft, and revise writing.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● link digital writing tools in challenge activities to assist students when individually or collaboratively planning, drafting, and revising their writing.

Vocabulary
Finding Meaning

Academic Vocabulary		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.V.1.1	Use grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately in speaking and writing.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● customize challenge activities to include grade-level academic vocabulary when answering questions and completing writing prompts. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to include grade-level academic vocabulary when answering questions and completing writing prompts. ● use the Beanstack book review feature for students to appropriately review a text using grade-level academic vocabulary.
Morphology		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.V.1.2	Apply knowledge of common Greek and Latin roots, base words, and affixes to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words in grade-level content.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● use Short Stacks articles to aid students in determining the meaning of unfamiliar words. ● customize challenge activities to include external resources that inform students of common Greek and Latin roots, base words, and affixes. ● customize challenge activities to include questions about determining the meaning of unfamiliar words. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to identify base words and affixes to determine the

		meaning of unfamiliar words in grade-level content.
Context and Connotation		
Benchmark	**Description**	**Beanstack Alignment**
ELA.4.V.1.3	Use context clues, figurative language, word relationships, reference materials, and/or background knowledge to determine the meaning of multiple-meaning and unknown words and phrases, appropriate to grade level.	Media specialists/teachers can: ● use Short Stacks articles to aid students in determining the meaning of unfamiliar words. ● customize challenge activities to include questions about determining the meaning of unfamiliar words by using picture clues, context clues, word relationships, reference materials, and/or background knowledge. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words using picture clues, context clues, word relationships, reference materials, and/or background knowledge to determine the meaning of unknown words.