



Florida Standards Alignment - Grade 8

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. ● link to a style guide in challenge activities for students to use to create proper citations.
ELA.K12.EE.2.1	Read and comprehend grade-level complex texts proficiently.	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. ● 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.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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.	<p>Media specialists/teachers can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 situations.	<p>Media specialists/teachers can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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, in regards to a specified text. ● 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • link resources and tailor questions in challenge activities to teach appropriate social and academic language for discussing texts. • assign Beanstack’s curated ebook challenge collections and support students in using appropriate social and academic language when discussing the included texts.

Foundational Skills

Applying Foundational Reading Skills for Secondary Students Needing Reading Interventions

Phonological Awareness		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.612.F.2.1	Demonstrate an understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds.	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • track students’ phonological awareness in text box activities after the students orally read a specified text. • listen as a student reads a text aloud and complete the challenge activities with the student to record their phonological awareness.

Phonics and Word Analysis

Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.612.F.2.2	Know and apply phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• track students' decoding skills in text box activities after the students orally read a specified text or set of words.• customize challenge activities to include decoding practice.• assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and include accompanying decoding activities.

Encoding

Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.612.F.2.3	Know and apply phonics and word analysis skills in encoding words.	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• track students' encoding skills in text box activities after the students orally hear a sound and write a symbol to represent that sound.• customize challenge activities to include encoding practice.• assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and include accompanying encoding activities.

Fluency

Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.612.F.2.4	Read grade-level texts, at the student's ability level, with accuracy, automaticity, and prosody	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• listen as a student reads their independent reading book aloud to assess student fluency and then review the appropriateness of

	<p>or expression using the student's mode of communication.</p>	<p>text levels in their reading log.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • modify challenge activities to include links to differentiated content. • assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to read grade-level texts with accuracy, automaticity, and appropriate prosody or expression.
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Reading Standards

Reading Prose and Poetry

Literary Elements		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.R.1.1	<p>Analyze the interaction between character development, setting, and plot in a literary text.</p>	<p>Media specialists/teachers can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • customize challenge activities to require students to analyze the interaction between character development, setting, and plot. • activate the Read the Classics (Middle School) reading list challenge to assign classic literary titles, which students can read directly in Beanstack, and assess students' abilities to analyze the interaction between character development, setting, and plot.
Theme		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment

ELA.8.R.1.2	Analyze two or more themes and their development throughout a literary text.	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • customize challenge activities to require students to analyze two or more themes and their development throughout a literary text. • activate the Read the Classics (Middle School) reading list challenge to assign classic literary titles, which students can read directly in Beanstack, and assess students' abilities to analyze two or more themes and their development.
Perspective and Point of View		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.R.1.3	Analyze how an author develops and individualizes the perspectives of different characters.	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • customize challenge activities to require students to analyze how an author develops and individualizes the perspectives of different characters. • activate the Read the Classics (Middle School) reading list challenge to assign classic literary titles, which students can read directly in Beanstack, and assess students' abilities to analyze how an author develops and individualizes the perspectives of different characters.
Poetry		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.R.1.4	Analyze structure, sound, imagery, and figurative language in poetry.	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • customize the Beanstack Poetry Challenge template to include links to various poems and questions about structure, sound, imagery, and figurative language in poetry.

Reading Informational Text

Structure		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.R.2.1	Analyze how individual text sections and/or features convey a purpose and/or meaning in texts.	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • customize challenge activities to include questions about how individual text sections and/or features convey a purpose and/or meaning in texts. • assign Beanstack’s curated ebook challenge collections and assess students’ abilities to analyze how individual text sections and/or features convey a purpose and/or meaning in texts.
Central Idea		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.R.2.2	Analyze two or more central ideas and their development throughout a text.	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • customize challenge activities to require students to analyze two or more central ideas and their development throughout a text. • assign Beanstack’s curated ebook challenge collections and assess students’ abilities to analyze two or more central ideas and their development throughout a text.
Author’s Purpose and Perspective		

Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.R.2.3	Explain how an author establishes and achieves purpose(s) through rhetorical appeals and/or figurative language.	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • customize challenge activities to require students to explain how an author establishes and achieves purpose(s) through rhetorical appeals and/or figurative language. • assign Beanstack’s curated ebook challenge collections and assess students’ abilities to explain how an author establishes and achieves purpose(s) through rhetorical appeals and/or figurative language.
Argument		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.R.2.4	Track the development of an argument, analyzing the types of reasoning used and their effectiveness, identifying ways in which the argument could be improved.	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • customize challenge activities to include questions about the development of an argument and ways in which the argument could be improved. • assign Beanstack’s curated ebook challenge collections and assess students’ abilities to track the development of an argument and ways in which the argument could be improved.

Reading Across Genres

Figurative Language

Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.R.3.1	Analyze how figurative language contributes to meaning and explain examples of symbolism in text(s).	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● customize challenge activities to include questions about how figurative language contributes to meaning and explain examples of symbolism in text(s). ● customize the Genre Challenge template to cover specific genres, titles, and types of figurative language questions. ● assign Beanstack’s curated ebook challenge collections and assess students’ abilities to analyze how figurative language contributes to meaning and explain examples of symbolism. ● activate the Read the Classics (Middle School) reading list challenge to assign classic literary titles, which students can read directly in Beanstack, and assess students’ abilities to analyze how figurative language contributes to meaning and explain examples of symbolism.
Paraphrase and Summarize		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.R.3.2	Paraphrase content from grade-level texts.	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● customize challenge activities to include paraphrasing content. ● customize the Genre Challenge to cover specific genres, titles, and how to paraphrase texts. ● assign Beanstack’s curated ebook challenge collections and assess students’ abilities to paraphrase the content. ● activate the Read the Classics (Middle School) reading list challenge to assign classic literary titles, which students can

		read directly in Beanstack, and assess students' abilities to paraphrase the content.
Comparative Reading		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.R.3.3	Compare and contrast the use or discussion of archetypes in texts.	<p>Media specialists/teachers can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● customize challenge activities to include comparing and contrasting the use or discussion of archetypes in texts. ● customize the Genre Challenge to cover specific genres, titles, and questions about the use or discussion of archetypes in texts. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and assess students' abilities to compare and contrast the use or discussion of archetypes in texts. ● activate the Read the Classics (Middle School) reading list challenge to assign classic literary titles, which students can read directly in Beanstack, and assess students' abilities to compare and contrast the use or discussion of archetypes.
Understanding Rhetoric		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.R.3.4	Explain how an author uses rhetorical devices to support or advance an appeal.	<p>Media specialists/teachers can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● customize challenge activities to include questions about how an author uses rhetorical devices to support or advance an appeal. ● customize the Genre Challenge to cover specific genres, titles, topics, and rhetorical devices. ● assign Beanstack's curated ebook challenge collections and

		<p>assess students' abilities to explain how an author uses rhetorical devices to support or advance an appeal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● activate the Read the Classics (Middle School) reading list challenge to assign classic literary titles, which students can read directly in Beanstack, and assess students' abilities to explain how an author uses rhetorical devices to support or advance an appeal.
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Communication Standards

Communicating Through Writing

Narrative Writing		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.C.1.2	Write personal or fictional narratives using narrative techniques, varied transitions, and a clearly established point of view.	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● customize challenge activities to include writing a personal or fictional narrative using narrative techniques. ● link resources in challenge activities that provide examples of grade-appropriate narrative writing.
Argumentative Writing		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.C.1.3	Write to argue a position , supporting at least one claim and	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● customize challenge activities to require students to write to

	<p>rebutting at least one counterclaim with logical reasoning, credible evidence from multiple sources, elaboration, and using a logical organizational structure.</p>	<p>argue a position and rebut at least one counterclaim.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assign Beanstack’s curated ebook challenge collections and assess students’ abilities to write to argue a position and rebut at least one counterclaim. • link resources in challenge activities that provide examples of grade-appropriate written claims.
Expository Writing		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.C.1.4	Write expository texts to explain and analyze information from multiple sources, using relevant supporting details, logical organization, and varied purposeful transitions.	<p>Media specialists/teachers can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • customize challenge activities to write expository texts to explain and analyze information from multiple sources, using varied purposeful transitions. • assign Beanstack’s curated ebook challenge collections and assess students’ abilities to write expository texts to explain and analyze information from multiple sources. • link resources in challenge activities that provide examples of grade-appropriate expository writing.

Following Conventions

Conventions		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.C.3.1	Follow the rules of standard English grammar, punctuation, capitalization,	<p>Media specialists/teachers can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • customize challenge activities to include writing prompts that

	and spelling appropriate to grade level.	<p>require mastery of grade-level conventions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assign Beanstack’s curated ebook challenge collections and assess students’ mastery of grade-level writing conventions.
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Researching

Researching and Using Information		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.C.4.1	Conduct research to answer a question, drawing on multiple reliable and valid sources and generating additional questions for further research.	<p>Media specialists/teachers can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • customize challenge activities to require students to conduct research to answer a question and generate additional questions for further research. • assign Beanstack’s curated ebook challenge collections and assess students’ abilities to conduct research to answer a question and generate additional questions for further research.

Creating and Collaborating

Multimedia		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.C.5.1	Integrate diverse digital media to	Media specialists/teachers can:

	emphasize the relevance of a topic or idea in oral or written tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> customize challenge activities to require students to integrate diverse digital media to emphasize the relevance of a topic or idea in oral or written tasks.
Technology in Communication		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.C.5.2	Use a variety of digital tools to collaborate with others to produce writing .	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> link a variety of digital tools in challenge activities to assist students in their writing.

Vocabulary

Finding Meaning

Academic Vocabulary		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.V.1.1	Integrate academic vocabulary appropriate to grade level in speaking and writing.	Media specialists/teachers can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> assess how well students integrate academic vocabulary independently and intentionally in speaking and writing. customize challenge activities to include the integration of academic vocabulary in speaking and writing. assign Beanstack’s curated ebook challenge collections and assess students’ abilities to independently and intentionally integrate academic vocabulary in speaking and writing.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> use the Beanstack book review feature for students to review a text using grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately.
Morphology		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.V.1.2	Apply knowledge of Greek and Latin roots and affixes to determine meanings of words and phrases in grade-level content.	<p>Media specialists/teachers can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> assign Beanstack’s curated ebook challenge collections and assess students’ abilities to apply knowledge of Greek and Latin roots and affixes to determine meanings of words and phrases. customize challenge activities to require students to apply knowledge of Greek and Latin roots and affixes to determine meanings of words and phrases.
Context and Connotation		
Benchmark	Description	Beanstack Alignment
ELA.8.V.1.3	Apply knowledge of context clues, figurative language, word relationships, reference materials, and/or background knowledge to determine the connotative and denotative meaning of words and phrases, appropriate to grade level.	<p>Media specialists/teachers can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> assign Beanstack’s curated ebook challenge collections and assess students’ abilities to determine the connotative and denotative meaning of words and phrases. customize challenge activities to include questions about determining the connotative and denotative meaning of words and phrases.