## ELA Common Core Implementation Guide:

### What should we see in an ELA common core classroom?

#### What is the teacher doing?
- Explaining a common core standard(s)
- Modeling their own thinking (metacognition)
- Facilitating groups or discussion
- Setting the purpose or objective
- Providing feedback
- Lecture, powerpoint, direct instruction
- Monitoring groups/pairs
- Questioning:
  - Asks text-dependent questions
  - Questions encourage deeper levels of thinking
  - Questions are scaffolded/sequenced to cause students to go deeper into text
- Providing opportunities for students to:
  - Make inferences or claims about the text
  - Cite textual evidence to support a claim
  - Demonstrate understanding of academic language
  - Analyze text structure
  - Analyze content-theme, tone, character, complex ideas, etc.
- Using common core SBAC assessment language in instruction and assignments (e.g. "constructed response, selected response, performance tasks, etc")
- Reviewing Datawise assessment questions and answers; offering strategies for mastery of standard addressed

#### What are students doing?
- Demonstrating understanding of the identified standard
- Working collaboratively
- Using technology in the learning process
- Demonstrating Metacognition:
  - Planning their process
  - Utilizing reading strategies (visualize, predict, question, clarify, etc.)
  - Reflecting on their own learning
- Working through text:
  - Close reading
  - Completing a graphic organizer
  - Making inferences/claims/arguments
  - Citing textual evidence
  - Talking to the Text
  - Demonstrating perseverance
- Participating in a discussion or group
  - Providing insights/opinions/facts
  - Citing textual evidence
  - Serving as Wingman
  - Evaluating peer responses for validity
  - Creating a group product

#### What evidence of common core instruction is in the room environment?
- Common Core standards visible
- Daily CC standard(s) and objectives are posted
- Desks are grouped for collaboration
- Multimedia resources are available (projector, IWB, ELMO, laptops, etc)
- Word Walls promoting academic language
- Student work posted, demonstrating practice of standards
- Benchmark Assessment data posted
- Sentence starters/frames posted & used to scaffold writing

#### What work products show evidence of common core standards mastery?
- Portfolios
- Completed Graphic Organizers
- Close Reading notes
- Projects
- Discussion Notes
- Presentations (ppt., posters, iMovie, etc.)
- Essays-argument writing
- Informative, explanatory or narrative writing

### Notes

### Questions