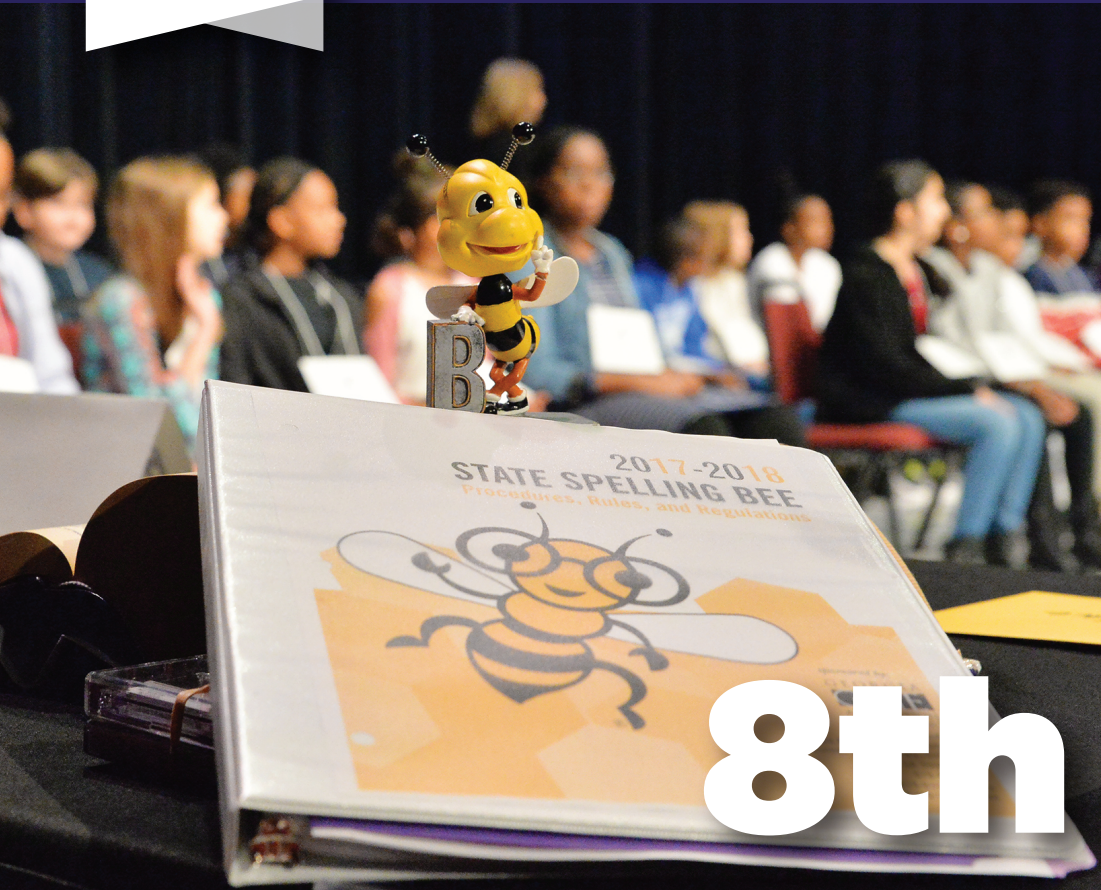




HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

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8th GRADE

| ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS |

 **HENRY**
Teaching & Learning Standards



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English Language Arts

8th Grade

Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, and Critical Thinking skills are embedded within the language of the Henry Teaching and Learning Standards

HCS Graduate Learner Outcome *As a Henry County graduate, I will read closely to analyze and evaluate all forms of text (both informational and literature).*

GA Standard Code

- ELAGSE8RL1** Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- ELAGSE8RL2** Determine a theme and/or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.
- ELAGSE8RL3** Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision.
- ELAGSE8RL4** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
- ELAGSE8RL5** Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts and analyze how the differing structure of each text contributes to its meaning and style.
- ELAGSE8RL6** Analyze how differences in the points of view of characters and the audience or reader (e.g., created through the use of dramatic irony) create such effects as suspense or humor.
- ELAGSE8RL7** Analyze the extent to which a filmed or live production of a story or drama stays faithful to or departs from the text or script, evaluating the choices made by the director or actors.
- ELAGSE8RL9** Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material is rendered new.
- ELAGSE8RL10** By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
- ELAGSE8RI1** Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- ELAGSE8RI2** Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
- ELAGSE8RI3** Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories).
- ELAGSE8RI4** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

- ELAGSE8RI5** Analyze in detail the structure of a specific paragraph in a text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.
- ELAGSE8RI6** Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.
- ELAGSE8RI7** Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums (e.g., print or digital text, video, multimedia) to present a particular topic or idea.
- ELAGSE8RI8** Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced.
- ELAGSE8RI9** Analyze a case in which two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic and identify where the texts disagree on matters of fact or interpretation.
- ELAGSE8RI10** By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at the high end of the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

HCS Graduate
Learner Outcome
GA Standard Code

As a Henry County graduate, I will construct task-appropriate writing for diverse purposes and audiences.

- ELAGSE8W1** Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
- ELAGSE8W1a Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
 - ELAGSE8W1b Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
 - ELAGSE8W1c Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
 - ELAGSE8W1d Establish and maintain a formal style.
 - ELAGSE8W1e Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
- ELAGSE8W2** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
- ELAGSE8W2a Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
 - ELAGSE8W2b Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
 - ELAGSE8W2c Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

ELAGSE8W2d Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

ELAGSE8W2e Establish and maintain a formal style.

ELAGSE8W2f Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

ELAGSE8W3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well structured event sequences.

ELAGSE8W3a Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.

ELAGSE8W3b Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

ELAGSE8W3c Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.

ELAGSE8W3d Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.

ELAGSE8W3e Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.

ELAGSE8W4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

ELAGSE8W5 With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.)

ELAGSE8W6 Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing & present the relationships between info and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.

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As a Henry County graduate, I will design and implement concise and sustained research tasks focused by questions and understandings of rigorous and relevant topics.

GA Standard Code

ELAGSE8W7 Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

ELAGSE8W8 Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

ELAGSE8W9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

ELAGSE8W9a Apply grade 8 Reading Standards to literature (e.g., “Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material.

ELAGSE8W9b Apply grade 8 Reading Standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced”).

ELAGSE8W10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

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As a Henry County graduate, I will collaborate and communicate effectively to participate in diverse discussions, share information and reasoning, or provide supporting evidence to convey and/or respond to clear and distinct perspectives.

GA Standard Code

ELAGSE8SL1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics and texts, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.

ELAGSE8SL1a Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

ELAGSE8SL1b Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

ELAGSE8SL1c Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and elicit elaboration and respond to others’ questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

ELAGSE8SL1d Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding in light of the evidence presented.

ELAGSE8SL2 Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind its presentation.

ELAGSE8SL3 Delineate a speaker’s argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and relevance and sufficiency of the evidence and identifying when irrelevant evidence is introduced.

ELAGSE8SL4 Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

ELAGSE8SL5 Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.

ELAGSE8SL6 Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 8 Language Standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.)

HCS Graduate
Learner Outcome
GA Standard Code

As a Henry County graduate, I will employ the conventions of language, including word choice, effectively in written or spoken word.

ELAGSE8L1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

- ELAGSE8L1a Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
- ELAGSE8L1b Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
- ELAGSE8L1c Form and use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood.
- ELAGSE8L1d Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.*

ELAGSE8L2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

- ELAGSE8L2a Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
- ELAGSE8L2b Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission.
- ELAGSE8L2c Spell correctly.

ELAGSE8L3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

- ELAGSE8L3a Use verbs in the active and passive voice and in the conditional and subjunctive mood to achieve particular effects (e.g., emphasizing the actor or the action; expressing uncertainty or describing a state contrary to fact).

ELAGSE8L4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

- ELAGSE8L4a Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
- ELAGSE8L4b Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
- ELAGSE8L4c Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
- ELAGSE8L4d Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

ELAGSE8L5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

- ELAGSE8L5a Interpret figures of speech (e.g. verbal irony, puns) in context.
- ELAGSE8L5b Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
- ELAGSE8L5c Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute).

ELAGSE8L6 Acquire and accurately use grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.