

English II
PISD Curriculum: Year at a Glance

Bundle	<i>Title</i> Big Ideas/Enduring Understandings	Guiding Questions
1	<i>Building the Foundation</i> Writers use patterns to develop their ideas and connect to their readers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How do the patterns in poetry differ from the patterns in informational text? ▪ How can I use patterns in texts to help me take meaningful notes as I read? ▪ How can the patterns I notice in sentences help me to use correct punctuation? ▪ How can I use patterns to create a meaningful poem?
2	<i>Building the Foundation</i> Writers use patterns to develop their ideas and connect to their readers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What patterns are best for communicating instructions or memos? ▪ How does the pattern I choose influence the meaning and effectiveness of my writing?
3	<i>Building the Foundation</i> Writers use patterns to develop their ideas and connect to their readers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What techniques can I use to create a story that reveals a truth about my life? ▪ What characteristics are common in story plots?
4	<i>Inquiry and Research</i> Investigating inquiries can solve problems, clarify issues, and answer essential questions. Writers use intentional strategies meant to persuade the audience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What do I put in and what do I leave out of a good summary? ▪ How can I tell if the conclusions I draw from a text are valid? ▪ What techniques can I use to persuade others to think or believe as I do?
5	<i>Inquiry and Persuasion</i> Investigating inquiries can solve problems, clarify issues, and answer essential questions. Writers use intentional strategies meant to persuade the audience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How does literature reflect the culture of origin and my own culture? ▪ How does literature express the values of a society? ▪ How does engagement with text reinforce and refine critical reading and writing?
6	<i>Inquiry and Persuasion</i> Investigating inquiries can solve problems, clarify issues, and answer essential questions. Writers use intentional strategies meant to persuade the audience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What kinds of information make an argument effective? ▪ Why is it important to present an argument without ignoring or dismissing the other side?

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7	<p><i>Personal Expression</i> Reading and writing are tools of expression and communication on a personal level and to a larger audience.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What makes an introductory paragraph(s) effective? ▪ How do I decide which details to put in and which to leave out of an analytical essay? ▪ How does changing the position of clauses and phrases impact the meaning or effect that a sentence has on a reader?
8	<p><i>Personal Expression</i> Reading and writing are tools of expression and communication on a personal level and to a larger audience.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What stylistic and rhetorical devices do authors use to create a specific response in the reader? ▪ How can I be sure that my interpretation of a text is valid?
9	<p><i>Personal Expression</i> Reading and writing are tools of expression and communication on a personal level and to a larger audience.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How do authors use specific words and phrases to influence a reader’s (or listener’s) attitude toward a subject? ▪ How do an author’s choice of words, phrases, and text structure reveal his/her attitude toward a subject and/or purpose? ▪ How do various visual and sound media reveal the bias of a community or a group?
10	<p><i>Research</i> Thoughtful reflection leads us to consider alternatives, justify answers, weigh evidence, and support ideas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What makes a topic worthy of research? ▪ How do researchers record and compile information from other people without plagiarizing their work?
11	<p><i>Research</i> Thoughtful reflection leads us to consider alternatives, justify answers, weigh evidence, and support ideas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How do researchers decide what information is relevant to a particular research question. ▪ What are the most effective ways to present research to an audience?
12	<p><i>Synthesis and Reflection</i> Thoughtful reflection leads us to consider alternatives, justify answers, weigh evidence, and support ideas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What themes are revealed through the literature we have read? ▪ What techniques do different authors use to reveal their themes? How can the use of multimedia support or reveal a theme?