

English III
PISD Curriculum: Year at a Glance

Bundle	Title Big Ideas/Enduring Understandings	Guiding Questions
1	<i>Text Structure and Analysis</i> Writers present text in carefully chosen ways for specific reasons, and readers analyze text to gain a deeper understanding of the concepts presented.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How are inference, generalization, and prediction skills an integral part of understanding an author’s message? ▪ How can students relate written texts to each other through the use of inferences and prior knowledge?
2	<i>Text Structure and Analysis</i> Writers structure their work in ways that best support their message.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Where can readers get evidence from the text to support their understanding? ▪ How do patterns of organization, syntax and word choice influence the reader, evoke emotions, and create meaning for the reader? ▪ What does the text mean?
3	<i>Literary Craft</i> Literary texts have distinguishing characteristics which shape their meaning and require readers and writers to analyze and infer meaning from them in unique ways.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are the distinguishing characteristics of the various forms of drama? ▪ What are the distinguishing characteristics of the various forms of poetry? ▪ What inferences can be drawn from drama and poetry that can be supported with textual evidence and experience? ▪ How do meter, rhyme, scheme, and other conventions of poetry help the reader make meaning?
4	<i>Literary Craft</i> Literary texts have distinguishing characteristics which shape their meaning and require readers and writers to analyze and infer meaning from them in unique ways.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How is the author’s message shaped by the rhetorical and literary devices used in the text? ▪ How is the author’s message shaped by the words, images, graphics, and sounds used in the text?
5	<i>Daily Professional Communication</i> The writing adults regularly complete is often business or work related and serves to meet a need or advance a goal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What kinds of business or work-related writing do adults regularly complete? ▪ What does an effective college application essay look like? ▪ How do you differentiate among primary, secondary, and other sources when gathering information? ▪ How can a well-written college application essay assist students in the arduous process of preparing for college?
6	<i>Daily Professional Communication</i> People are called upon to present information in the workplace and need to employ a variety of listening and speaking skills to be effective.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What does an effective formal presentation look and sound like? ▪ How should a listener respond appropriately to a speaker? ▪ How can you tell if a speaker is being effective? ▪ What specific skills help you to listen attentively to and understand others?

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7	<i>Approaches to a Topic</i> The author's attitudes and beliefs about a subject shape what is included and how it is presented.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can a writer shape a textual message for a specific audience? ▪ How can a writer include personal opinions in his/her writing while remaining open to other opinions? ▪ How can a reader figure out what an author's attitude is toward a subject if it is not stated?
8	<i>Approaches to a Topic</i> The attitudes and beliefs of a writer determine the approach he/she takes when writing about a topic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What conclusions can be made across different literary texts? ▪ In what ways do authors reveal their attitudes and beliefs in their writing? ▪ How can comparing the way two or more authors/texts approach a topic help us gain a deeper understanding of it?
9	<i>Persuasion</i> Political writing influences or is influenced by primary source documents from history and culture of a variety of time periods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What techniques to writers use to persuade others to believe as they do? ▪ How can understanding the techniques used in speeches and media help people? ▪ How are the culture and time period reflected in persuasive writing and media?
10	<i>Persuasion</i> Words, images, graphics, and sounds work together in various forms to impact meaning especially in political or controversial writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can you present your argument without restating existing information? ▪ How can a listener reflect on a speaker's message to identify the position taken and the evidence demonstrated?
11	<i>Inquiry</i> Research is most meaningful when the researcher has a genuine question and carefully devises a plan to gather information to answer that question for him or herself.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why is it important to have a narrow topic, specific questions and a definite plan before carrying out research? ▪ How can brainstorming shape the research process? ▪ How do you distinguish between reliable and unreliable sources? ▪ How do you separate factual data from complex inferences?
12	<i>Inquiry</i> Organizing and presenting research requires careful evaluation and synthesis of the information gathered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How do you separate factual data from complex inferences? ▪ What does an effective formal presentation look and sound like? ▪ How can a style manual be used to document sources and format written materials? ▪ How do you use parenthetical documentation correctly?