

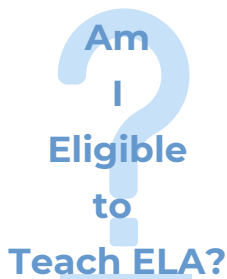
# English Language Arts

Why ELA?



English teachers have the opportunity to **equip** students with the ability to **communicate** and **write** clearly and effectively. **Teaching English provides students with a voice**, as well as with the **analytical skills** to **digest complex texts**.

In English Language Arts (ELA) students learn to become effective readers and writers. Teachers use a balance of complex fiction and non-fiction texts in the classroom and teach reading, writing, vocabulary and discussion with an emphasis on using details and evidence from the text.



Candidates will be considered **eligible to teach ELA** with an **undergraduate** or **graduate** degree in

1) **English**

OR

2) **Comparative Literature**

Through our alternative certification programs, you will work in your **full-time** school position under a Transitional B certificate issued by New York State.



The **Transitional B certificate** is valid for up to **three years**, as long as you remain in **good standing**. To be eligible for this certification, you will need to **take** and **pass two certification exams** listed below:

1. **Educating All Students (EAS) (201)**
2. **English Language Arts Content Specialty Test (CST) (003)\***

Your ELA certification **will allow you to teach at the middle school level (grades 7-8)** and at the high school level (grades 9-12). Course names may differ by school and be referred to as "English Language Arts," "Communication Arts," or "Literacy." **You may also be asked to use your English Certificate to teach "Humanities" courses, which combine social studies and English material and are most often available at the middle school level.**

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## The Common Core Standards for ELA

The Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects (“the standards”) represent the next generation of K–12 standards **designed to prepare** all students for **success in college, career, and life by the time they graduate from high school.**



## Check out the following resources:

[English Language Arts Standards](#)

[For Students](#)

[For Parents](#)

[For Educators](#)



## Check out these inspiring TedTalks for Teachers

[Teach teachers how to create magic](#)

[Every kid needs a champion](#)

[3 rules to spark learning](#)

[How to learn? From mistakes](#)

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