# English as an Additional Language A10L (2022)

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**Course Title**

English as an Additional Language (EAL) A10L

**Recommended Prerequisites**

EAL A10L, does not have a prerequisite nor is it a prerequisite for other EAL locally developed courses. Rather, course enrollment for EAL A10L, is dependent on students' level of English language proficiency as measured by the Common Framework of Reference (CFR) developed by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education.

The decision to enroll a student in this course should be based on the professional judgement of the school team taking into consideration the student's CFR level, language needs, and goals.

EAL A10L is designed to support students who are working within the descriptors of CFR A1.1.

EAL A10L is also designed to support students who have little or no prior educational experience.

**Course Description**

EAL A10L provides learning opportunities designed to develop English language proficiency for students in high school. Credit earned through successful completion of this courses can be used by students to fill elective course and credit requirements.

**Broad Areas of Learning**

There are three Broad Areas of Learning that reflect Saskatchewan's Goals of Education as per the Kindergarten to Grade 12 English Language Arts Curriculum (Ministry of Education, 2012). These Broad Areas of Learning also apply to EAL A10L. And, just as with the English Language Arts curriculum, EAL A10L contributes to the Goals of Education through the Broad Areas of Learning in helping students achieve knowledge, skills, and attitudes related to the following:

- Lifelong Learners: Students who are engaged in constructing and applying English language arts knowledge naturally build a positive disposition towards learning. Throughout their study of English language arts, students gain understandings, skills, and strategies to become more competent and confident language users.
- Sense of Self, Community, and Place: To learn English language arts, students need not only to use the English language but also to interact with each other. Through the English language arts, students learn about themselves, others, and the world. The students use language to define who they are and to explore who they might become. They use language to interact and to respond effectively with others and to build community.
- Engaged Citizens: In the English language arts, students learn how language enables them to make a difference in their personal, peer, family, and community lives. Language gives them a sense of agency and an ability to make a difference in their community and the world in which they live.

**Cross-curricular Competencies**

There are four interrelated Cross-curricular Competencies containing understandings, values, skills, and processes which are considered important for learning in all areas of study which are reflective of the Common Essential Learnings and are intended to be addressed as per the English Language Arts

curriculum (Ministry of Education, 2012). These Cross-curricular Competencies also apply to EAL A10L. These Cross-curricular competencies include the following:

- Developing Thinking: Learners construct knowledge to make sense of the world around them. They develop understanding by building on what is already known. This key competency concerns the ability to make sense of information, experiences, and ideas through thinking contextually, critically, and creatively. The philosophy of learning in English language arts is inquiry-based, and students use their language and thinking skills to explore a range of topics, issues, and themes.
- Developing Identity and Interdependence: The ability to act autonomously in an interdependent world requires an awareness of the natural environment, of social and cultural expectations, and of the possibilities for individual and group accomplishments. It assumes the possession of a positive self-concept and the ability to live in harmony with others and with the natural and constructed worlds. Achieving this competency requires understanding, valuing, and caring for oneself; understanding, valuing, and respecting human diversity and human rights and responsibilities; and understanding and valuing social and environmental interdependence and sustainability. English language arts requires students to explore ideas and issues of identity, social responsibility, diversity, sustainability, and personal agency.
- Developing Literacies: Literacies provide many ways, including the use of various language systems and media, to interpret the world and express understanding of it. Literacies involve the evolution of interrelated skills, strategies, and understandings that facilitate an individual's ability to participate fully and equitably in a variety of roles and contexts – school, home, and local and global communities. To achieve this competency requires developing skills, strategies, and understandings related to various literacies in order to explore and interpret the world and communicate meaning. English language arts requires students to use different literacies, including language literacy, effectively and contextually to represent ideas and understanding in multiple, flexible ways.
- Developing Social Responsibility: Social responsibility is how people positively contribute to their physical, social, and cultural environments. It requires the ability to participate with others in accomplishing shared or common goals. This competency is achieved through using moral reasoning processes, engaging in communitarian thinking and dialogue, and taking action to contribute to learners' physical, social, and cultural environments. In English language arts, students explore their social responsibility and work toward common goals to improve the lives of others and the natural and constructed worlds.

The Common Essential Learnings can be integrated into all aspects of planning and instruction and are reflected in the Cross-curricular competencies listed above. It is through using these learnings that students can translate thoughts into actions. Refer to Understanding the Understanding the Common Essential Learnings: A Handbook for teachers (Saskatchewan Education, 1988) and Renewed Objectives for Common Essential Learnings (Ministry of Education, 2008).

**Aim and Goals**

The aim of English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum and, in turn EAL A10L, is to help students understand and appreciate language, and to use it confidently and competently in a variety of situations for learning, communication, work, life, and personal satisfaction.

The goals of ELA curriculum and, in turn EAL A10L, are as follows. Note that the goals have been revised to reflect the needs of EAL students.

- Comprehend and Respond (CR): Students will develop their abilities to use English to view, listen to, read, comprehend, and respond to a variety of texts (oral, print, electronic, and other texts) in academic and social settings.

- Compose and Create (CC): Students will develop their abilities to speak, write, and use other forms of representing to produce a variety of messages in English for a variety of academic and communicative purposes and for a range of audiences.

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- Assess and Reflect (AR) Students will develop their abilities to assess and reflect on their use of the English language to achieve academically in all content areas and to use the English language in socially and culturally appropriate ways.

**Big Ideas and Questions for Deeper Understanding**

It is important that teachers and students learn within meaningful contexts that relate to their lives, communities, and world. Teachers and students need to identify big ideas and questions for deeper understanding central to the area of study.

Big ideas are at the core of the subject; they need to be uncovered. The big ideas at the core of a subject are arrived at, sometimes surprisingly slowly, via teacher-led inquiries and reflective work by students. Big ideas encompass concepts, broad or overarching themes, skills, attitudes, and habits of mind which help students make sense of and apply what they learn. A big idea can be thought of as providing a focusing conceptual 'lens' for study; breadth of meaning by connecting and organizing many facts, skills, and experiences; serving as the linchpin of understanding; ideas at the heart of expert understanding; great transfer value and applying to many other inquiries and issues across subject areas and over time and both in the curriculum and out of school (Renewed Curricula: Understanding Outcomes, Ministry of Education, 2010).

Questions for deeper understanding are used to initiate and guide the inquiry and give students direction for developing deep understandings about a topic or issue under study. It is essential to develop questions that are evoked by student interests, have potential for rich and deep learning, are compelling and able to assist students to grasp important disciplinary or transdisciplinary ideas that are situated at the core of a particular curricular focus. These broad questions will lead to more specific questions that can provide a framework, purpose, and direction for the learning activities in a lesson, or series of lessons, and help students connect what they are learning to their experiences and life beyond school (Renewed Curricula: Understanding Outcomes, 2010).

It is important to provide students in EAL A10L with learning opportunities to make connections to prior learning and their life experiences from another country of culture and supports the importance of affirming identity in multicultural classrooms. Student needs will vary significantly therefore, this course should offer many options for meeting their language and literacy needs with instruction planned in response to assessment to ensure students have the requisite language for each activity. As such, teachers are encouraged to choose those themes and topics that are relevant to their students' needs and interests.

| EAL A10L<br>Big Ideas | EAL A10L<br>Questions for Inquiry |
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| • Reading<br>• Writing<br>• Listening<br>• Speaking (interaction and production) | • How do I use language in community and school situations requiring interaction, production or interpretation of basic and familiar language?<br>• What strategies and support can I use and are effective in supporting language learning?<br>• How do I communicate personal information with precision, accuracy and fluency using basic and familiar grammatical structures?<br>• How can I use language to give and receive information, to socialize and celebrate, to interpret and communicate, and to inquire in using basic and familiar language to satisfy personal needs?<br>• What skills do I need to have to communicate and understand basic and familiar language when reading, writing, listening, and speaking in English with support and when beginning to show independence? |

**Outcomes and Indicators**

The learning expected of students in Saskatchewan is defined by curriculum outcomes for each grade. As Saskatchewan students achieve the grade-specific outcomes identified in curricula, they will deepen their understanding of each area of study as a living field of knowledge. Outcomes define what a student is expected to know and be able to do at the end of the grade or secondary level course. Outcomes require that students develop a combination of factual, conceptual, procedural, and metacognitive knowledge and are developed based on current research to ensure coherence and rigor. Therefore, all curriculum outcomes are required. Indicators clarify the breadth and depth of each outcome and are examples of ways that students might be asked to demonstrate achievement of an outcome. They serve as examples of the type of evidence that teachers would accept to determine the extent to which students have achieved the desired learning results. When teachers are planning for instruction, they must be aware of the set of indicators to understand fully the breadth and depth of the outcome. Based on this understanding of the outcome, teachers may develop their own indicators that are responsive to their students' interests, lives, and prior learning. These teacher-developed indicators must maintain the intent of the outcome (Renewed Curricula: Understanding Outcomes, Ministry of Education, 2010

| EAL A10L<br>Outcomes | EAL A10L<br>Indicators |
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| **Reading**<br>**EAL A10.1**<br>Read and recall basic and familiar information in a variety of texts. | a. Understand basic and familiar instructions and expressions and personal information when previously encountered or in similar form.<br>b. Recognize high frequency words and sentences in basic, familiar, and patterned texts.<br>c. Understand simple present verb tenses in both affirmative and negative forms.<br>d. Recognize numbers.<br>e. Recognize letters and show awareness of sound and symbol relationships and identify beginning and end of words.<br>f. Use a variety of supports and strategies to aid comprehension including visuals and gestures.<br>g. Read text from left to right and top to bottom, using word separation. |
| **Writing**<br>**EAL A10.2**<br>Write basic and familiar words, phrases and sentences. | a. Copy and write high frequency words, greetings, and basic and familiar sentences using simple and patterned texts.<br>b. Use simple present verb tenses in both affirmative and negative forms.<br>c. Copy and write numbers.<br>d. Copy and write labels on basic and familiar objects in a picture or diagram.<br>e. Copy and write personal information in basic and familiar sentences and/or in response to a prompt or question.<br>f. Copy or write letters and show awareness of sound and symbol relationships including beginning and end of words.<br>g. Use a variety of supports and strategies to aid in communication of information.<br>h. Copy or write text on the line, left to right and top to bottom, using word separation. |
| **Listening**<br>**EAL A10.3**<br>Listen to and understand basic and familiar words, phrases and sentences in a variety of texts. | a. Understand basic and familiar instructions, expressions and personal information.<br>b. Recognize high frequency words and sentences in basic, familiar, and patterned texts.<br>c. Understand simple present verb tenses in both affirmative and negative forms.<br>d. Recognize numbers.<br>e. Recognize spoken words similar to the languages with which they are familiar.<br>f. Understand basic and familiar prompts or questions about themselves.<br>g. Identify the sound of letters as well as beginning and end of words.<br>h. Understand basic, familiar, and patterned conversation.<br>i. Use a variety of supports and strategies to aid comprehension. |
| **Speaking (Interaction)**<br>**EAL A10.4** | a. Use high frequency words, numbers, greetings, and sentences in basic, familiar, and patterned conversation. |

| Use basic and familiar words, phrases and sentences to exchange information orally. | b. Use simple present tenses in both affirmative and negative forms. <br> c. Can express a lack of understanding. <br> d. Provide personal information in basic and familiar sentences and/or in response to a prompt or question. <br> e. Pose basic and familiar questions to request information, <br> f. Engage in basic and familiar conversation, using appropriate register. <br> g. Use a variety of supports and strategies to aid in communication. |
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| **Speaking (Production)** <br> **EAL A10.5** <br> Use basic and familiar words, phrases and sentences to orally express personal needs and present information. | a. Express feelings using basic, familiar, and patterned expressions. <br> b. Name common objects in familiar environments. <br> c. Express information about themselves. <br> d. Use high frequency words, numbers, phrases, and/or basic, familiar, and patterned sentences. <br> e. Use simple present verb tenses in both affirmative and negative forms to express needs and ideas and to ask questions for clarification. <br> f. Make informal oral presentations on basic, familiar, and personal subjects. |

**Instruction**

All successful teaching begins with an effective needs assessment and EAL instruction is no exception. Due to the wide diversity of learners, EAL teachers need to be aware of the strengths and challenges that each learner brings to the classroom. When planning instruction, teachers will need to consider students':

- age and grade placement (EAL students should be placed in age-appropriate class when possible);
- first and additional second languages spoken;
- prior school experiences (are there gaps in the student's education?);
- prior knowledge and life experiences;
- cultural and value systems;
- timetable (classes other than EAL);
- proficiency in various skill areas as outlined in, but not limited to, the Common Framework of Reference (CFR) (listening, speaking, reading, writing as well as vocabulary, grammar), and, in an acknowledgement of current research which indicates English language learners' greatest need is vocabulary, instruction which emphasizes vocabulary enrichment needs to be a focus;
- educational goals.

It is the responsibility of teachers to use their professional expertise in order to make decisions about instructional approaches which will address this diversity. By encouraging varied and flexible approaches to teaching and learning, classrooms become more responsive to student needs and progress can be made toward attainment of educational goals. Teachers will also need to use their professional judgment when deciding on the topics and language to be presented to their students and resources to

be used. Later to literacy students must be treated as the young adults they are even though their language skills may mirror young children. Their life experiences are rich as are their intelligences. Thus, topics and language to be presented and any resources used must respect that. Teachers will also need to consider integration into other subject areas such as English language arts, mathematics, and science. Skills that can be transferred to other academic areas will be useful to students.

**Assessment and Evaluation**

Student assessment and evaluation are an integral part of good teaching practices. These practices must be well planned, purposeful, and attached to specific learning outcomes. They must also inform classroom instructional approaches and strategies, so that improvements to students learning are always being made. Assessment tools guide both teachers and students in making decisions about attainment of learning outcomes.

There are three interrelated purposes of assessment. Each type of assessment, systematically implemented, can contribute to an overall picture of student progress with English language learning.

- Assessment for learning involves the use of information about student progress to support and improve learning. It also engages teachers in using differentiated instruction practices and a variety of assessment tools to enhance learning experiences.

- Assessment of learning evaluates student achievement of the course outcomes It involved teacher's judgement based on evidence of student learning. It occurs at the tend of a learning cycle using a variety of tools.

- Assessment as learning actively involves student reflection on learning and monitoring of her/his own progress. It is student-driven with teacher guidance.


* Refer to Appendix A Connecting Instruction and Assessment and Evaluation with Common Framework of Reference.

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- Treaty Education Outcomes and Indicators (Saskatchewan Ministry of Education, 2013)
- Understanding the Common Essential Learnings: A Handbook for teachers (Saskatchewan Education, 1988)

**Key Resources**

Online
- Google Translate
- Google Read and Write
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- https://www.canada.ca/en.html
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Further to the above, and in support of copyright compliance and educator understanding of their rights and responsibilities regarding the *Copyright Act* (Government of Canada, 2012) and *the Education Ministers' Policy Statement on Fair Dealing (*Copyright Consortium of the Council of Ministers of Education Canada, 2018)*,* a number of supports have been developed by the CMEC and are available on the CMEC website. These supports include: *Copyright Matters* (Copyright Consortium of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, 2016)*, Fair Dealing Guidelines (*Copyright Consortium of the Council of Ministers of Education Canada, 2018)*,* and the *FairDealingDecisionTool* (Copyright Consortium of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, 2018).

**Evaluation of the Locally Developed Course of Study**

Following the completion of this Locally Developed Course, instructors will complete and submit the following questionnaire within two weeks of completing the course. Completed questionnaires can be faxed to division personnel whom oversee Locally Developed Courses.

1. Enrollment in this course?
> a) How many students enrolled in this course?
> b) How many students successfully completed this course?
> c) Which semester did you offer this course in?
2. Reflection
> a) What successes were experienced in the teaching and learning of this course? Explain.
> b) What challenges were experienced in the teaching and learning of this course? Explain.
> > Be sure to reference
> > - Learning outcomes
> > - Core curricular components and initiatives
> > - Career development competencies
> > - Instructional approaches
> > - Assessment and evaluation techniques
> > - Instructional materials
3) Interpretation
> a) How might successes identified be enhanced? What supports might be required? Explain.
> b) How might challenges identified be overcome? What supports might be required? Explain.
> c) What revisions, additions, deletions, would you recommend be made to this course as currently developed? Explain.

**Appendix A Connecting Instruction and Assessment and Evaluation with Common Framework of Reference**

Refer to documents as found through Edonline and The EAL Immigration, and Blackboard Organization including:
- A Guide to Using the Common Framework of Reference (CFR) with Learners of English as an Additional Language (Ministry of Education, 2013)
- A Guide to Using the Common Framework of Reference (CFR): Appendix B: Charts for Secondary Level (Ministry of Education 2013)
- Common Framework of Reference (CFR) EAL Writing Rubrics and Exemplars: Grades 9-12 (Saskatoon Public Schools, 2015)
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