

The New York Next Generation Learning Standards:

7 Major Shifts to Look for when Evaluating a Next Gen Program

The Next Generation Learning Standards (NGLS) will be implemented for Back to School 2020, and new standards means a shift in instruction. When evaluating new programs aligned to the NGLS, be sure all major shifts are addressed and thoughtfully incorporated into student instruction and teacher books.

Here are some of the important shifts to look for:

English Language Arts (ELA)

1 **Lifelong Practices of Readers and Writers (LPRW) have been introduced.**

This shift aims to reflect the changing expectations of what it means to be literate today. These practices form the basis of the NGLS for ELA, so all instruction is expected to be developed with these practices in mind.

2 **Most Reading Information (RI) and Reading Literature (RL) standards have been combined into single RI/RL standards.**

The purpose of this shift is to reduce redundant standards and streamline instruction. It is also intended to encourage a mix of reading for information and reading for literature across all grade levels.

3 **Language standards are now organized by grade bands.**

The NGLS for ELA have been organized into three grade bands: p-K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. This change is meant to create flexibility for educators and respond to the standards only being taught in certain grade levels. It also emphasizes building on prior knowledge more strongly.

4 **The new R9 standard prioritizes making connections to other texts, ideas, and cultural perspectives.**

Educators should search for programs whose content features culturally responsive passages and encourages students to draw connections between the text, their lives, and the world at large.

Mathematics

5 **Some mathematics topics have been moved to different grade levels.**

This change is meant to increase the focus on major content and skills for each grade level and provide more time for a deeper understanding. For example, Grade 7 probability standards have been moved down to Grade 6. In addition, box plots and interquartile ranges were both moved from Grade 6 to Grade 7.

6 **New mathematics standards call for more critical thinking across grade levels.**

For example, Grade 1 students must now be able to draw shapes using defining attributes and assign numeric values to mixed groups of coins. Grade 3 students must be able to classify all polygons instead of just quadrilaterals and be able to understand place values up to four digits.

7 **New mathematics standards are in place across grade levels.**

This shift is intended to improve focus and reduce repetition across grade levels. For example, Grade K students must now know ordinal numbers in addition to cardinal numbers. They should also be able to recognize shape patterns, explore coins, and understand the value of pennies and dimes in relationship to place value (ones and tens). In Grade 2, students must now be able to distinguish between polygons and nonpolygons.

When Evaluating New Programs, Make Sure To:

	Other Program	Ready NY, NGLS Edition
ELA Consider ELA programs' ability to support instructional flexibility, differentiated instruction, and changing expectations about literacy , such as the new LPRW.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Look for ELA lessons that include culturally responsive passages to address the new R9 standard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mathematics Check to see if mathematics lessons still address content that was removed . For example, in Geometry standards, the rhombus was specifically removed from the list of shapes that students should identify. If this shape is still being taught, it could be a clue that the lessons may not have been updated as robustly to meet the NGLS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ensure mathematics programs address the need for students to build relationships between prior knowledge and new knowledge .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pay special attention to the content that addresses the Grade 5 mathematics standard for measurement and data , which was revised as late as June 2019.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Why Ready New York, Next Generation Learning Standards Edition?

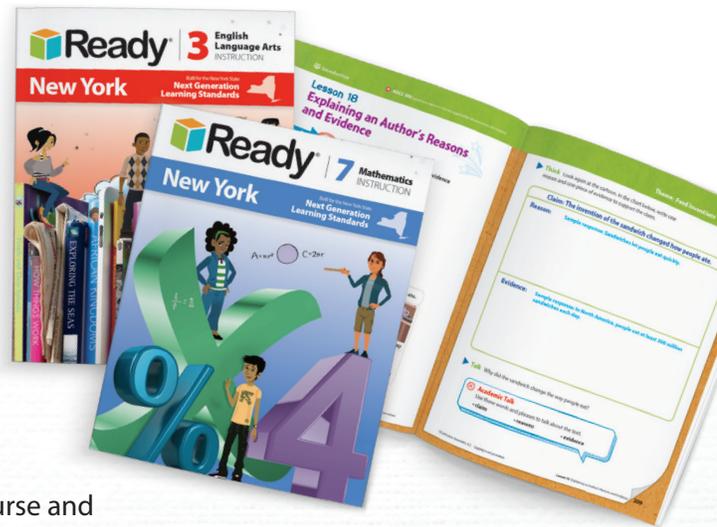
It was designed to provide instruction that responds to the new standards and connects material between grade levels.

The ELA edition:

- Includes 31 new, high-quality, complex texts to engage learners with diverse cultures, backgrounds, and needs
- Encourages thoughtful integration of reading, writing, thinking, and speaking skills

The Mathematics edition:

- Features the Think–Share–Compare routine to encourage discourse and allow students to build understanding through real-world problem solving
- Includes embedded Standards for Mathematical Practice to help students develop strong habits of mind



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