



### **Module Description**

Successful implementation of college and career ready standards will require deep changes in all aspects of education. *School Leader Module 2: Understanding the English Language Arts & Literacy Standards* provides school leaders with information about the English Language Arts and Literacy Standards and embedded instructional shifts. Understanding how the standards and shifts will affect curricular, instructional, and assessment practices will help school leaders guide a successful implementation of college and career ready standards in their school. The module also includes a tool school leaders can use to assess alignment of curriculum, instruction, and assessment to college and career ready standards and guidelines for providing effective feedback to their staff.

### **About the Series**

This professional learning series for school leaders includes three modules. The first module in the series provides a broad overview of what school leaders need to know to guide a successful implementation of college and career ready standards in their school. This module, the second in the series, explores the ELA and Literacy Standards and embedded instructional shifts with a focus on how they impact curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Module 3 looks at the Mathematics Standards and instructional shifts through the same lens. Both Modules 2 and 3 provide school leaders with an opportunity to become familiar with a tool they can use to assess how well their curriculum, instruction, and assessment are aligned to college and career ready standards.

### **Participant Outcomes**

After completing this module, participants will:

- Be able to describe the key instructional shifts inherent in college and career ready standards for English Language Art and Literacy and how the shifts impact curriculum, instruction, and assessment.
- Be familiar with a tool they can use to assess how well their curriculum, instruction, and assessment are aligned to college and career ready standards.

## **Module Outline**

### Section 1: Introduction

- Welcome
- Module Overview
- Pre-Assessment

### Section 2: The Structure of the ELA & Literacy Standards

- Goals of K–12 ELA & Literacy Standards
- Vertical Progressions of College and Career Ready Standards and Grade Level Standards
- CCR Anchor Standards for ELA & Literacy

### Section 3: ELA & Literacy Instructional Shifts

- Shift 1: Building Knowledge through Content-Rich Nonfiction
- Shift 2: Reading, Writing, and Speaking Grounded in Evidence from Text
- Shift 3: Regular Practice with Complex Text and its Academic Language

### Section 4: Standards-Aligned ELA & Literacy Assessments

- ELA & Literacy Assessment Shifts
- Performance Tasks
- Learning Targets

### Section 5: ELA & Literacy Classroom Observations

- Instructional Practice Guides
- Assessing a Lesson
- Providing Feedback

### Section 6: Conclusion

- Planning for Next Steps
- Key Resources
- Post-Assessment