

ELA

At CCMS, our curriculum department focuses on developing students' knowledge and skills in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and critical thinking. We use the [English Language Arts Common Core Standards](#) in Reading Literature and Informational Texts, Writing, Speaking and Listening, and Language as our curriculum. The curriculum resource students use as reference is [Springboard](#), and novels both class-wide and self-selected.

Common instructional strategies applied in our curriculum area are [AVID WICOR](#), visual/graphic organizers, composition books for reading and writing response, and Springboard generated strategies. Teachers review data to identify areas to reteach or differentiate and plan instruction and assessments in Professional Learning Teams during weekly late start professional development.

Student assessments provide students and parents information about meeting proficiency standards to chart progress towards high school graduation standards. In our curriculum department, we use San Diego Quick as a pre-assessment of reading, embedded assessments for Springboard, and written assessments.

Technology is an important tool in teaching and learning, and we use Google Classroom to provide resources and give assignments. Digital citizenship is also important, and we emphasize safe and secure care for equipment, appropriate use of internet resources.

Students are consistently exposed to and expected to develop self-management skills through the use of planners, [Interactive Notebooks](#), and school library facilities to improve time management, responsibility, and organization.

At CCMS, we believe the purpose of homework should be for students to practice skills, review what they have learned in class, and provide staff, students, and parents/guardians with evidence of individual student progress. Examples of homework in our curriculum department are reading from a self selected book and focused academic writing about the book. Sometimes students will need to complete work that was not finished during class time.