

**Language Arts Florida Standards (LAFS)  
Grade 4**

Strand: READING STANDARDS FOR LITERATURE	
Cluster 1: Key Ideas and Details	
STANDARD CODE	STANDARD
LAFS.4.RL.1.1	Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 2: Basic Application of Skills & Concepts
LAFS.4.RL.1.2	Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking & Complex Reasoning
LAFS.4.RL.1.3	Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character’s thoughts, words, or actions).  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 2: Basic Application of Skills & Concepts

Cluster 2: Craft and Structure	
STANDARD CODE	STANDARD
LAFS.4.RL.2.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., Herculean).  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 2: Basic Application of Skills & Concepts
LAFS.4.RL.2.5	Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text.  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking & Complex Reasoning
LAFS.4.RL.2.6	Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations.  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking & Complex Reasoning

Cluster 3: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	
STANDARD CODE	STANDARD
LAFS.4.RL.3.7	<p>Make connections between the text of a story or drama and a visual or oral presentation of the text, identifying where each version reflects specific descriptions and directions in the text.</p> <p><i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 2: Basic Application of Skills &amp; Concepts</p>
LAFS.4.RL.3.9	<p>Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes and topics (e.g., opposition of good and evil) and patterns of events (e.g., the quest) in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.</p> <p><i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking &amp; Complex Reasoning</p>

Cluster 4: Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	
STANDARD CODE	STANDARD
LAFS.4.RL.4.10	<p>By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, in the grades 4–5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.</p> <p><i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 2: Basic Application of Skills &amp; Concepts</p>

Strand: READING STANDARDS: FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS (K-5)	
Cluster 3: Phonics and Word Recognition	
STANDARD CODE	STANDARD
LAFS.4.RF.3.3	<p>Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.</p> <p>a. Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multi-syllabic words in context and out of context.</p> <p><i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 1: Recall</p>

Cluster 4: Fluency	
STANDARD CODE	STANDARD
LAFS.4.RF.4.4	<p>Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.</p> <p>a. Read on-level text with purpose and understanding.</p> <p>b. Read on-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.</p> <p>c. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.</p>

*Cognitive Complexity:* Level 2: Basic Application of Skills & Concepts

**Strand: READING STANDARDS FOR INFORMATIONAL TEXT**

**Cluster 1: Key Ideas and Details**

STANDARD CODE	STANDARD
LAFS.4.RI.1.1	Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 2: Basic Application of Skills & Concepts
LAFS.4.RI.1.2	Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 2: Basic Application of Skills & Concepts
LAFS.4.RI.1.3	Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking & Complex Reasoning

**Cluster 2: Craft and Structure**

STANDARD CODE	STANDARD
LAFS.4.RI.2.4	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a <i>grade 4 topic or subject area</i> .  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 2: Basic Application of Skills & Concepts
LAFS.4.RI.2.5	Describe the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text.  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking & Complex Reasoning
LAFS.4.RI.2.6	Compare and contrast a firsthand and secondhand account of the same event or topic; describe the differences in focus and the information provided.  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking & Complex Reasoning

**Cluster 3: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**

STANDARD CODE	STANDARD
LAFS.4.RI.3.7	Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears.  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking & Complex Reasoning

LAFS.4.RI.3.8	Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text.  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking & Complex Reasoning
LAFS.4.RI.3.9	Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking & Complex Reasoning

Cluster 4: Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	
STANDARD CODE	STANDARD
LAFS.4.RI.4.10	By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 4–5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 2: Basic Application of Skills & Concepts

Strand: WRITING STANDARDS	
Cluster 1: Text Types and Purposes	
STANDARD CODE	STANDARD
LAFS.4.W.1.1	Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support the writer’s purpose.</li> <li>b. Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details.</li> <li>c. Link opinion and reasons using words and phrases (e.g., <i>for instance, in order to, in addition</i>).</li> <li>d. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.</li> </ul> <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking & Complex Reasoning
LAFS.4.W.1.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</li> <li>b. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.</li> <li>c. Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., <i>another, for example, also, because</i>).</li> <li>d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.</li> </ul>

	<p>e. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.</p> <p><i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 2: Basic Application of Skills &amp; Concepts</p>
LAFS.4.W.1.3	<p>Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.</li> <li>Use dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.</li> <li>Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events.</li> <li>Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely.</li> <li>Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.</li> </ol> <p><i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking &amp; Complex Reasoning</p>

<b>Cluster 2: Production and Distribution of Writing</b>	
<b>STANDARD CODE</b>	<b>STANDARD</b>
LAFS.4.W.2.4	<p>Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)</p> <p><i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking &amp; Complex Reasoning</p>
LAFS.4.W.2.5	<p>With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 4 on pages 28 and 29.)</p> <p><i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking &amp; Complex Reasoning</p>
LAFS.4.W.2.6	<p>With some guidance and support from adults, use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of one page in a single sitting.</p> <p><i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 2: Basic Application of Skills &amp; Concepts</p>

<b>Cluster 3: Research to Build and Present Knowledge</b>	
<b>STANDARD CODE</b>	<b>STANDARD</b>
LAFS.4.W.3.7	<p>Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.</p>

	<i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 4: Extended Thinking & Complex Reasoning
LAFS.4.W.3.8	Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources.
	<i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking & Complex Reasoning
LAFS.4.W.3.9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Apply grade 4 Reading standards to literature (e.g., “Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text [e.g., a character’s thoughts, words, or actions].”).</li> <li>b. Apply grade 4 Reading standards to informational texts (e.g., “Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text”).</li> </ul>
	<i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking & Complex Reasoning

Cluster 4: Range of Writing	
STANDARD CODE	STANDARD
LAFS.4.W.4.10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
	<i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking & Complex Reasoning

Strand: STANDARDS FOR SPEAKING AND LISTENING	
Cluster 1: Comprehension and Collaboration	
STANDARD CODE	STANDARD
LAFS.4.SL.1.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on <i>grade 4 topics and texts</i> , building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.</li> <li>b. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.</li> <li>c. Pose and respond to specific questions to clarify or follow up on information, and make comments that contribute to the discussion and link to the remarks of others.</li> <li>d. Review the key ideas expressed and explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.</li> </ul>
	<i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking & Complex Reasoning

LAFS.4.SL.1.2	Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 2: Basic Application of Skills & Concepts
LAFS.4.SL.1.3	Identify the reasons and evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking & Complex Reasoning

Cluster 2: Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas	
STANDARD CODE	STANDARD
LAFS.4.SL.2.4	Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking & Complex Reasoning
LAFS.4.SL.2.5	Add audio recordings and visual displays to presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking & Complex Reasoning
LAFS.4.SL.2.6	Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion); use formal English when appropriate to task and situation. (See grade 4 Language standards 1 on pages 28 and 29 for specific expectations.)  <i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 2: Basic Application of Skills & Concepts

Strand: LANGUAGE STANDARDS	
Cluster 1: Conventions of Standard English	
STANDARD CODE	STANDARD
LAFS.4.L.1.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Demonstrate legible cursive writing skills.</li> <li>b. Use relative pronouns (who, whose, whom, which, that) and relative adverbs (where, when, why).</li> <li>c. Form and use the progressive (e.g., I was walking; I am walking; I will be walking) verb tenses.</li> <li>d. Use modal auxiliaries (e.g., can, may, must) to convey various conditions.</li> <li>e. Order adjectives within sentences according to conventional patterns (e.g., a small red bag rather than a red small bag).</li> <li>f. Form and use prepositional phrases.</li> <li>g. Produce complete sentences, recognizing and correcting inappropriate</li> </ul>

	<p>fragments and run-ons.</p> <p>h. Correctly use frequently confused words (e.g., to, too, two; there, their).</p> <p><i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 2: Basic Application of Skills &amp; Concepts</p>
LAFS.4.L.1.2	<p>Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</p> <p>a. Use correct capitalization.</p> <p>b. Use commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from a text.</p> <p>c. Use a comma before a coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence.</p> <p>d. Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.</p> <p><i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 1: Recall</p>

Cluster 2: Knowledge of Language	
STANDARD CODE	STANDARD
LAFS.4.L.2.3	<p>Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.</p> <p>a. Choose words and phrases to convey ideas precisely.</p> <p>b. Choose punctuation for effect.</p> <p>c. Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion).</p> <p><i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking &amp; Complex Reasoning</p>

Cluster 3: Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	
STANDARD CODE	STANDARD
LAFS.4.L.3.4	<p>Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.</p> <p>a. Use context (e.g., definitions, examples, or restatements in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</p> <p>b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., telegraph, photograph, autograph).</p> <p>c. Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.</p> <p><i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 2: Basic Application of Skills &amp; Concepts</p>
LAFS.4.L.3.5	Demonstrate understanding of word relationships, and nuances in word



	<p>meanings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors (e.g., as pretty as a picture) in context.</li> <li>b. Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs.</li> <li>c. Demonstrate understanding of words by relating them to their opposites (antonyms) and to words with similar but not identical meanings (synonyms).</li> </ul> <p><i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 3: Strategic Thinking &amp; Complex Reasoning</p>
LAFS.4.L.3.6	<p>Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as found in grade level appropriate texts, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., wildlife, conservation, and endangered when discussing animal preservation).</p> <p><i>Cognitive Complexity:</i> Level 1: Recall</p>

