

MAAECF Language Arts—Middle School

MECF Language Arts Competencies	MAAECF Rating Scale Item #	MECF Objectives/ MAAECF Rating Scale Items	Possible Classroom Tasks/Activities
	1	Student recognizes functional symbols and signage.	Student plays the Survival Signs game. Student identifies that product inside by looking at the box or packaging. Student identifies signs and symbols around the school or neighborhood. Student uses basic sign language or appropriate pictures to communicate.
	2	Student matches words or symbols to common pictures of school and community.	Student matches word flashcards to common community or school features.
	3	Student uses pictures for context clues.	Student reads text with pictograms for unfamiliar vocabulary. Student attends to pictures in text to determine meaning of unfamiliar words. Student looks at a picture representing an activity on a schedule and begins to work on or attend to that activity.
	4	Student reads and follows class schedule.	Student organizes sentence strips for the different daily activities. Student identifies favorite activities on the daily schedule. Student will line up for break or recess. Student uses classroom activity schedule as guide for independent work schedule.
	5	Student matches letters and sounds.	Student identifies pictures of objects that start with a particular letter. Student selects the letter tile or flashcard that shows the letter that the teacher asked for. Student uses appropriate computer program to identify letter sound relationships.
	6	Student decodes phonetically regular words.	Student participates in phonics lessons. Student can sound out simple, unknown words.