

Everyday Speech Alignment to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)

Everyday Speech is closely aligned with the [Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills \(TEKS\)](#), offering a comprehensive curriculum for strengthening social, behavioral, and communication skills that meets the needs of Texas students at every grade level. Through engaging video modeling lessons, activities, and interactive tools, Everyday Speech addresses key competencies that are essential for student success. This alignment allows Texas educators to confidently use Everyday Speech to meet TEKS standards, fostering students' emotional well-being, positive relationships, and responsible decision-making skills that support long-term success in school and beyond.

GRADES K-2: TEKS for Positive Character Traits and Personal Skills

Knowledge & Skills	Everyday Speech Alignment
<p>Trustworthiness – The student understands how personal choices and actions relate to character building.</p>	<p>Everyday Speech introduces young learners to honesty and reliability by encouraging truthful communication and setting a positive example. Lessons teach students to express feelings openly and to act fairly, reinforcing the importance of honesty and dependability.</p>
<p>Responsibility – The student understands the concept of responsibility and how personal actions demonstrate responsibility.</p>	<p>Everyday Speech guides K-2 students in understanding responsibility with lessons that teach students to make thoughtful decisions, complete tasks, and manage emotions, showing them that responsibility means following through on actions and considering their impact.</p>
<p>Caring – The student understands how personal actions demonstrate characteristics of caring.</p>	<p>Everyday Speech builds empathy and kindness through lessons on caring about others and perspective-taking. Students are encouraged to notice others' feelings, practice kindness, and understand the effects of their actions on peers.</p>
<p>Citizenship – The student understands how personal actions can demonstrate good citizenship.</p>	<p>Citizenship concepts are woven into lessons where students learn to contribute positively to their classroom and respect community rules. Everyday Speech instills a sense of belonging and fairness, encouraging students to make choices that support a respectful community.</p>

GRADES 3-5: TEKS for Positive Character Traits and Personal Skills

Knowledge & Skills	Everyday Speech Alignment
<p>Trustworthiness – The student understands how personal responsibility relates to being trustworthy.</p>	<p>Everyday Speech promotes trustworthiness in Grades 3-5 by helping students understand honesty and dependability. Students learn the importance of being truthful and following through on commitments, building a foundation of trust in their relationships and actions.</p>
<p>Responsibility – The student understands how personal choices are associated with responsibility.</p>	<p>Everyday Speech teaches students to understand and practice responsibility. These lessons focus on making positive choices, completing tasks independently, and understanding how personal actions affect others, helping students develop a strong sense of accountability.</p>
<p>Caring – The student understands how personal actions demonstrate characteristics of caring.</p>	<p>Everyday Speech fosters a caring attitude with lessons on empathy and caring for others. Students practice recognizing and responding to others' emotions, demonstrating kindness, and supporting peers. This focus on empathy encourages students to be compassionate and nurturing in their interactions.</p>

Everyday Speech Alignment to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)

Citizenship – The student understands how personal actions can demonstrate good citizenship.

Lessons from Grades 3-5 emphasize citizenship by teaching students about fairness, inclusivity, and respect for community values. Everyday Speech helps students understand their role in creating a positive environment, encouraging behaviors that contribute to a supportive and inclusive school community.

GRADES 6-8: TEKS for Positive Character Traits and Personal Skills

Knowledge & Skills	Everyday Speech Alignment
Trustworthiness – The student understands how personal choices and actions build trustworthiness.	Everyday Speech encourages students to build trust by developing honesty, integrity, and dependability. These lessons emphasize being truthful and taking accountability.
Responsibility – The student understands how personal beliefs and feelings influence our sense of responsibility.	Lessons for Grades 6-8 focus on teaching students to plan and accomplish tasks, manage their emotions, and understand the impact of their actions on others. Everyday Speech reinforces the importance of taking ownership over one’s behavior, building a foundation for responsible decision-making.
Caring – The student understands how characteristics of caring impact personal relationships.	Everyday Speech promotes care through lessons on empathy and helping others. This focus nurtures a compassionate mindset, encouraging students to take meaningful, caring actions in their relationships.
Citizenship – The student understands how the character trait of citizenship impacts personal relationships.	Everyday Speech reinforces citizenship with lessons on leadership and making an impact, guiding them to be responsible, respectful members of their school and broader community.

GRADES 9-12: TEKS for Positive Character Traits and Personal Skills

Knowledge & Skills	Everyday Speech Alignment
Trustworthiness – The student understands how trustworthiness is viewed in society, politics, and the local and global community.	Everyday Speech guides high school students in building trustworthiness through lessons emphasizing the importance of integrity, accountability, and maintaining trust, supporting students in developing dependability.
Responsibility – The student understands how leaders demonstrate responsibility in relationships, families, societies, politics, and the global community.	Everyday Speech encourages high schoolers to manage personal goals, make informed decisions, and consider the broader impacts of their actions, reinforcing a sense of accountability and self-discipline.
Caring – The student understands how characteristics of caring influence society and impact the global community.	Everyday Speech promotes caring through more in-depth lessons in empathy. These lessons encourage students to build deeper connections by recognizing and responding to others’ emotions, fostering a compassionate approach that emphasizes understanding and support.
Citizenship – The student understands how character traits of citizenship influence our personal view of society and the local and global community.	Lessons for high schoolers highlight the importance of citizenship. Everyday Speech teaches students to participate positively in their communities, respect diverse perspectives, and advocate for fairness, helping them to contribute meaningfully to society.