

# Illinois DesCartes Framework

Below is the framework upon which your version of DesCartes is based. In order to present the information in a manner that best supports instruction, in some instances it was necessary to modify the organization and grouping of content. This framework outlines the subject-area information found within DesCartes.

## Reading

### 1. Word Analysis and Vocabulary Skills

- a. Apply Word Analysis Skills
- b. Apply Vocabulary Skills

### 2. Reading Strategies

- a. Prediction; Locate Main Ideas, Details
- b. Text Structure, Features
- c. Comprehend Purpose, Summarize, Conclude, Infer

### 3. Literature: Literary Elements and Techniques

- a. Understand Literary Elements
- b. Understand Literary Techniques

### 4. Literature: Characteristics

- a. Fiction Characteristics
- b. Nonfiction Characteristics