

# Language Arts

## Grades 6-8

### Reading

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1. Comprehend and interpret a variety of reading materials by employing appropriate reading strategies.
  - Main idea
  - Details
  - Following directions
  - Classification
  - Sequence
  - Elements of a story: character, plot, setting, theme, point of view, vocabulary
  - Conclusions
  - Multiple meanings
  - Interpretation
  - Vocabulary
2. Demonstrate a competence in applying the reading process to specific types of literary and informational texts.
  - Fiction
  - Nonfiction
  - Drama
  - Poetry
3. Express and indicate the effectiveness of one's own reading comprehension by working independently.
4. Evaluate all genre of literature for historical, moral, and multicultural significance.
  - Integrate all genre of literature across the curriculum, i.e., social studies, religion, ...

### Writing

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5. Demonstrate the ability to use the writing process for varied purposes (essays, narratives, descriptions,...)
  - Write a sentence
  - Thesis
  - Supporting details
  - Essays
  - Research
6. Select appropriate resource materials and be able to paraphrase, quote, and summarize these ideas in order to write clear, organized, documented research essays.
  - Periodicals (newspapers, magazines)
  - Internet
  - Books
  - Media (TV, videos, radio)
  - Interviewing
  - Documentation
  - Summarization / common knowledge

7. Demonstrate appropriate use of grammatical and mechanical conventions in writing.
- Capitalization
  - Grammar, usage, spelling
  - Punctuation
  - Effective study skills

## **Listening and Speaking**

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8. Produce formal presentations demonstrating confidence, organization, and clarity.
- How-to
  - Memorization
  - Debate
  - Informative
  - Persuasive
  - Dramatization
9. Participates in class discussions by asking and answering questions and presenting relevant information
- Asking appropriate questions
  - Staying on task / topic
  - Interaction of all students
10. Responds critically to arguments by expressing thoughts, opinions, and ideas in a constructive manner.
- Critique
11. Listens effectively and critically in order to interpret a variety of oral information.
- Follows instructions
  - Concentration
  - Cooperation
  - Classification
12. Gives clear directions using proper sequence.
- Proper sequence
  - Clarity

## **Technology**

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13. Uses technology for a variety of research and communication purposes.
- Word processing
  - Internet access
  - Use of software, i.e., encyclopedia, dictionary, ...

## **Vocabulary**

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14. Demonstrates the ability to use precise vocabulary to enhance writing and speaking skills.

- Root words
- Prefixes
- Suffixes
- Etymologies
- Analogies
- Antonyms
- Synonyms

## **Study Skills**

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15. Demonstrates mastery of effective study skills.

- Test-taking skills
- Outlining
- Notetaking
- Organization