

Language Arts

Grades 6-8

Reading

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

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

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

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

Vocabulary

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

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

Study Skills

15. Demonstrates mastery of effective study skills.

- Test-taking skills
- Outlining
- Notetaking
- Organization