## 1. Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, discussion, and thinking--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:

- A. listen actively to interpret a message by summarizing, asking questions, and making comments;
- follow and give complex oral instructions to perform specific Β. tasks, answer questions, or solve problems;
- C. advocate a position using anecdotes, analogies, and/or illustrations employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, a variety of natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively; and
- D. participate collaboratively in discussions, plan agendas with clear goals and deadlines, set time limits for speakers, take notes, and vote on key issues.
- Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:
- A. use print or digital resources to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech;
- B. use context within or beyond a paragraph to clarify the meaning of unfamiliar or ambiguous words; and
- determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived C. from Greek and Latin roots such as ast, qui, path, mand/mend, and duc.
- Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to:
- adjust fluency when reading grade-level text based on the reading purpose. А.
- Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to selfselect text and read independently for a sustained period of time.
- Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. The student is expected to:
- A. establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;
- generate questions about text before, during, and after reading Β. to deepen understanding and gain information;
- C. make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;
- D. create mental images to deepen understanding;
- E. make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
- F. make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
- G. evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
- H. synthesize information to create new understanding; and
- monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background Ι. knowledge, asking guestions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.

#### 6. Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:

- describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts; А.
- write responses that demonstrate understanding of texts, Β. including comparing sources within and across genres;
- C. use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
- D. paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order; E. interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking,
- annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;
- F. respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate;
- G. discuss and write about the explicit or implicit meanings of text;
- respond orally or in writing with appropriate register, vocabulary, tone, and voice; Η.
- reflect on and adjust responses as new evidence is presented; and
- defend or challenge the authors' claims using relevant text evidence. .1.
- 7. Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
  - A. analyze how themes are developed through the interaction of characters and events;
  - Β. analyze how characters' motivations and behaviors influence events and resolution of the conflict;
  - C. analyze non-linear plot development such as flashbacks, foreshadowing, subplots, and parallel plot structures and compare it to linear plot development; and
  - D. explain how the setting influences the values and beliefs of characters.
- Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple 8. texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
  - A. demonstrate knowledge of literary genres such as realistic fiction, adventure stories, historical fiction, mysteries, humor, fantasy, science fiction, and short stories;
  - B. analyze the effect of graphical elements such as punctuation and line length in
  - poems across a variety of poetic forms such as epic, lyric, and humorous poetry; C. analyze how playwrights develop dramatic action through the use of acts and scenes;
  - analyze characteristics and structural elements of informational text, including: D.
    - the controlling idea or thesis with supporting evidence;
    - features such as footnotes, endnotes, and citations; and ii.
    - multiple organizational patterns within a text to develop the thesis;
  - analyze characteristics and structures of argumentative text by: E.
    - identifying the claim and analyzing the argument;
    - ii. identifying and explaining the counter argument; and
    - identifying the intended audience or reader; and iii.
  - F. analyze characteristics of multimodal and digital texts.
- 9. Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
  - A. explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
  - analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose; Β.
  - analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes; C.
  - D. describe how the author's use of figurative language such as extended metaphor achieves specific purposes;
  - E. identify and analyze the use of literary devices, including multiple points of view and irony;
  - F. analyze how the author's use of language contributes to the mood, voice, and tone; and
  - G. explain the purpose of rhetorical devices such as analogy and juxtaposition and of logical fallacies such as bandwagon appeals and circular reasoning.

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- - A. plan a first draft by selecting a genre appropriate for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as
  - B. develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by:

  - ii.

D.

- edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
- complete complex sentences with subject-verb agreement and avoidance of splices, run-ons, and fragments;
- ii. consistent, appropriate use of verb tenses and active and passive voice;
- iii.
- pronoun-antecedent agreement; iv.
- v. correct capitalization;
- punctuation, including commas in nonrestrictive phrases and vi.
- clauses, semicolons, colons, and parentheses; and
- vii. correct spelling, including commonly confused terms such as its/ it's, affect/effect, there/their/they're, and to/two/too; and

#### 11. Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:

- D.

## 12. Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:

- Β. C.
- the answers to a secondary set of questions;
- D.
- E. differentiate between primary and secondary sources; F.
- synthesize information from a variety of sources; G.
- differentiate between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials; Η. examine sources for:
  - reliability, credibility, and bias, including omission; and
  - ii. faulty reasoning such as bandwagon appeals, repetition, and loaded language;

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### 10. Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts-writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:

- discussion, background reading, and personal interests;
- i. organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions,
  - coherence within and across paragraphs, and a conclusion; and
  - developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought
  - with specific facts, details, and examples;
- C. revise drafts for clarity, development, organization,
  - style, word choice, and sentence variety;
    - prepositions and prepositional phrases and their
    - influence on subject-verb agreement;
- E. publish written work for appropriate audiences.
- A. compose literary texts such as personal narratives, fiction,
  - and poetry using genre characteristics and craft;
- B. compose informational texts, including multi-paragraph essays that
  - convey information about a topic, using a clear controlling idea
  - or thesis statement and genre characteristics and craft;
- C. compose multi-paragraph argumentative texts using
  - genre characteristics and craft; and
- compose correspondence that reflects an opinion, registers a complaint, or requests information in a business or friendly structure.
- A. generate student-selected and teacher-guided
  - questions for formal and informal inquiry;
- develop and revise a plan;
- refine the major research question, if necessary, guided by
- identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources;
- I. display academic citations and use source materials ethically; and
  - use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written,
  - oral, or multimodal, to present results.

