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Secondary Criteria: Illinois Learning Standards

Subject: Language Arts

Grades: 6, 7, 8

Wonders of Science Writing Lessons

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Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE

Key Ideas and Details

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE

CCRA.R.
2.

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE

CCRA.R.
3.

Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE

Craft and Structure

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE

CCRA.R.
4.

Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE

CCRA.R.
7.

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
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STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.4.	Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
10.

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Comprehension and Collaboration**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.S
L.1.

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.S
L.4.

Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Language Arts

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Reading Standards for Informational Text
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Reading Standards for Informational Text
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

L.7.6.

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards**Language Arts****Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013****STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
2.

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
3.

Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
4.

Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
7.

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Reading Standards for Informational Text		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Reading Standards for Informational Text		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

STANDARD	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Language Arts

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

STANDARD	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
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STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Reading Standards for Informational Text
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STANDARD	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Illinois Learning Standards		
Language Arts		
Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013		
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
5.

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Research to Build and Present Knowledge**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
9.

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Comprehension and Collaboration**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.S
L.1.

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Knowledge of Language**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
3.

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
6.

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RI.8.1.

Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RI.8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.8.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

L.8.6.

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
2.

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
3.

Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
4.

Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
7.

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

STANDARD

W.6.9.b.

Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.6.10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.a.

Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.b.

Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.c.

Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.d.

Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Reading Standards for Informational Text
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STANDARD	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Illinois Learning Standards		
Language Arts		
Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013		
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Knowledge of Language**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
3.

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
6.

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RI.8.1.

Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RI.8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.8.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

L.8.6.

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Illinois Learning Standards**Language Arts**

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
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DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
2.

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

DESCRIPTOR /
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DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
3.

Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
4.

Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
7.

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.S
L.1.

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
3.

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
6.

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.6.1.

Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.6.2.

Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.6.3.

Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

STANDARD	W.6.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
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STANDARD	W.6.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
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STANDARD	W.6.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
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STANDARD	W.6.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.6.10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.a.

Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.b.

Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.c.

Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.d.

Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD

L.6.1.d.

Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).

STANDARD

L.6.1.e.

Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.6.4.c.	Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT Language Standards		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT **Reading Standards for Literature**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
STANDARD	W.7.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
STANDARD	W.7.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.7.4.c.	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards**Language Arts****Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013****STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.8.1.

Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.8.9.

Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material is rendered new.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.8.10.

By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes****DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**

W.8.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD

W.8.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
STANDARD	W.8.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
STANDARD	W.8.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.8.4.c.	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
10.

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
3.

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
5.

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
9.

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Reading Standards for Literature		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.3.	Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
STANDARD	W.6.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
STANDARD	W.6.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
STANDARD	W.6.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.

STANDARD	W.6.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.6.4.c.	Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
5.

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Research to Build and Present Knowledge**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
9.

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Comprehension and Collaboration**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.S
L.1.

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Knowledge of Language**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
3.

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

STANDARD	W.7.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
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STANDARD	W.7.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.7.4.c.	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

STANDARD

L.7.5.b.

Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonym/antonym, analogy) to better understand each of the words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

L.7.6.

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards**Language Arts****Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013****STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

CCRA.R.
2.

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

CCRA.R.
3.

Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

CCRA.R.
4.

Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Comprehension and Collaboration**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.S
L.1.

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Knowledge of Language**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
3.

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
6.

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.8.1.

Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.8.10.

By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes****DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**

W.8.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD

W.8.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes****DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**

W.8.3.

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

STANDARD

W.8.3.c.

Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.

STANDARD

W.8.3.e.

Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.8.4.c.	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
STANDARD	L.8.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Language Arts

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.S
L.1.

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
3.

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
6.

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.6.1.

Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.6.2.

Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.6.3.

Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
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STANDARD	W.6.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
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STANDARD	W.6.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
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STANDARD	W.6.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
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STANDARD	W.6.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
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STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

STANDARD	W.7.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
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STANDARD	W.7.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Comprehension and Collaboration**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.S
L.1.

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Knowledge of Language**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
3.

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
6.

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.8.1.

Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Reading Standards for Literature

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.8.10.

By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD

W.8.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

STANDARD

W.8.3.c.

Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.

STANDARD

W.8.3.e.

Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.8.4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.8.5.

With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.

STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.3.	Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

STANDARD	W.6.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
STANDARD	W.6.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
STANDARD	W.6.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
STANDARD	W.6.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Comprehension and Collaboration**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.S
L.1.

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Knowledge of Language**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
3.

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
6.

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.7.1.

Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.7.3.

Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
STANDARD	W.7.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
STANDARD	W.7.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards**Language Arts****Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013****STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
7.

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
10.

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
3.

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
5.

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Research to Build and Present Knowledge**

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
STANDARD	W.8.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
STANDARD	W.8.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
2.

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

DESCRIPTOR /
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3.

Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
4.

Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
7.

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
10.

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STANDARD	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards**Language Arts****Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013****STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STANDARD	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Reading Standards for Informational Text		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Reading Standards for Informational Text		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

STANDARD	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Research to Build and Present Knowledge**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.6.8.

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Research to Build and Present Knowledge****DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**

W.6.9.

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

STANDARD

W.6.9.b.

Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.6.10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Comprehension and Collaboration****DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**

SL.6.1.

Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.a.

Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.b.

Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.c.

Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.d.

Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.6.4.c.	Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Illinois Learning Standards**Language Arts****Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013****STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

Reading Standards for Informational Text

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
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**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

Reading Standards for Informational Text

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
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**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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STANDARD	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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STANDARD	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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STANDARD	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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STANDARD	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STANDARD	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.7.4.c.	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
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STANDARD	L.7.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonym/antonym, analogy) to better understand each of the words.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.8.8.

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.8.10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD

SL.8.1.a.

Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

STANDARD

SL.8.1.b.

Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

STANDARD

SL.8.1.c.

Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

STANDARD

SL.8.1.d.

Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

SL.8.4.

Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.8.4.c.	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

STANDARD	L.8.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards**Language Arts**

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
2.

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
3.

Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
4.

Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
7.

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
10.

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

STANDARD

W.6.9.b.

Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.6.10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.a.

Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.b.

Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.c.

Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.d.

Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Reading Standards for Informational Text
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STANDARD	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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STANDARD	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
10.

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
5.

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Research to Build and Present Knowledge**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
9.

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

STANDARD	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STANDARD	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
10.

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
5.

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Research to Build and Present Knowledge**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
9.

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
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10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STANDARD	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Reading Standards for Informational Text		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Reading Standards for Informational Text		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

STANDARD	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Knowledge of Language**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
3.

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
6.

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RI.6.1.

Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RI.6.2.

Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RI.6.3.

Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RI.6.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RI.6.7.

Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD

W.6.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

STANDARD

W.6.3.a.

Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.

STANDARD

W.6.3.c.

Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.

STANDARD

W.6.3.d.

Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.

STANDARD

W.6.3.e.

Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.6.4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
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**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Reading Standards for Informational Text
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Reading Standards for Informational Text
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
STANDARD	W.7.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
STANDARD	W.7.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

SL.7.4.

Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD

L.7.1.b.

Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD

L.7.3.a.

Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD

L.7.4.a.

Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

STANDARD

L.7.4.d.

Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Illinois Learning Standards		
Language Arts		
Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013		
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
STANDARD	W.8.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
STANDARD	W.8.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Language Arts

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

STANDARD	W.6.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
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STANDARD	W.6.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
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STANDARD	W.6.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
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STANDARD	W.6.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
STANDARD	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.6.4.c.	Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
STANDARD	W.7.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
STANDARD	W.7.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.7.4.c.	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

STANDARD	W.8.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
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STANDARD	W.8.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD

L.8.4.c.

Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

STANDARD	W.6.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
STANDARD	W.6.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
STANDARD	W.6.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
STANDARD	W.6.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use****DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**CCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**CCRA.L.
6.

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes****DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**

W.7.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD

W.7.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes****DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**

W.7.3.

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

STANDARD

W.7.3.c.

Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.

STANDARD

W.7.3.e.

Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing****DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**

W.7.4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**

W.7.5.

With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Research to Build and Present Knowledge**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.7.8.

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.7.10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Comprehension and Collaboration****DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**

SL.7.1.

Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD

SL.7.1.a.

Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

STANDARD

SL.7.1.b.

Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

STANDARD

SL.7.1.c.

Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.

STANDARD

SL.7.1.d.

Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

SL.7.4.

Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
STANDARD	W.8.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
STANDARD	W.8.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STANDARD	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
STANDARD	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Illinois Learning Standards		
Language Arts		
Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013		

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
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LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
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LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
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LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
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LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
5.

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Research to Build and Present Knowledge**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
8.

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
9.

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Comprehension and Collaboration**

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Reading Standards for Informational Text		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Reading Standards for Informational Text		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

STANDARD	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
2.

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
3.

Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
4.

Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
7.

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
10.

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Knowledge of Language**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
3.

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
6.

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RI.8.1.

Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RI.8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.8.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE

Key Ideas and Details

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE

Craft and Structure

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 9.	Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.9.	Compare and contrast one author's presentation of events with that of another (e.g., a memoir written by and a biography on the same person).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

STANDARD	W.6.9.a.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literature (e.g., "Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres [e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories] in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics").
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STANDARD	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 9.	Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Research to Build and Present Knowledge**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
7.

Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
8.

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
9.

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Comprehension and Collaboration**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.S
L.1.

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Knowledge of Language**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
3.

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Reading Standards for Informational Text

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Reading Standards for Informational Text

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Reading Standards for Informational Text

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.9.	Analyze how two or more authors writing about the same topic shape their presentations of key information by emphasizing different evidence or advancing different interpretations of facts.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

STANDARD	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 9.	Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Reading Standards for Informational Text		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Reading Standards for Informational Text		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

STANDARD	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

L.8.6.

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Lesson 18: Unit 6 Summarizing Multiple References, p. 173-182**Illinois Learning Standards****Language Arts****Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013****STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
2.

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
3.

Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
4.

Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
7.

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Reading Standards for Informational Text		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STANDARD	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STATE GOAL /
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Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

**STATE GOAL /
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Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
STANDARD	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards**Language Arts****Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013****STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STANDARD	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S.L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L.3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

STANDARD	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

Reading Standards for Informational Text

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
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**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

Reading Standards for Informational Text

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
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**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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STANDARD	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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STANDARD	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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STANDARD	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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STANDARD	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STANDARD	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
2.

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
3.

Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
4.

Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
7.

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
10.

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.4.	Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
6.

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RI.7.1.

Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RI.7.3.

Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RI.7.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.7.4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Comprehension and Collaboration**

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
2.

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
3.

Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
4.

Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
7.

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
10.

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Comprehension and Collaboration**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.S
L.1.

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.S
L.4.

Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Knowledge of Language**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
3.

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
2.

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
3.

Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
4.

Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
7.

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
10.

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
5.

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Comprehension and Collaboration**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.S
L.1.

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Knowledge of Language**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
3.

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Reading Standards for Informational Text		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Reading Standards for Informational Text		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

SL.7.4.

Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Knowledge of Language****DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**

L.7.3.

Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD

L.7.3.a.

Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use****DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**

L.7.4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD

L.7.4.a.

Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

STANDARD

L.7.4.d.

Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

L.7.6.

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards**Language Arts**

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STANDARD	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
10.

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
5.

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Research to Build and Present Knowledge**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
9.

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STANDARD	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STANDARD	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.6.10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.a.

Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.b.

Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.c.

Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

STANDARD

SL.6.1.d.

Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD

L.6.1.d.

Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).

STANDARD

L.6.1.e.

Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
10.

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
5.

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Research to Build and Present Knowledge**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
9.

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STANDARD	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Informational Text	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE

Text Types and Purposes

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

CCRA.W.
2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE

Production and Distribution of Writing

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

CCRA.W.
4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

CCRA.W.
5.

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

CCRA.W.
8.

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE

Range of Writing

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

CCRA.W.
10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE

Comprehension and Collaboration

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).

STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Research to Build and Present Knowledge**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
8.

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Comprehension and Collaboration**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.S
L.1.

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes****DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**

W.7.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD

W.7.2.a.

Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Comprehension and Collaboration**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.S
L.1.

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes****DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**

W.8.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD

W.8.2.a.

Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

STANDARD

W.8.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

STANDARD

W.8.2.c.

Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

STANDARD

W.8.2.d.

Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

STANDARD

W.8.2.f.

Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.8.4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT **Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
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STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT **Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Informational Text****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RI.6.7.

Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes****DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**

W.6.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD

W.6.2.a.

Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

STANDARD

W.6.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

STANDARD

W.6.2.c.

Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

STANDARD

W.6.2.d.

Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

STANDARD

W.6.2.f.

Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.6.4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD L.7.1.b. Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD L.7.3.a. Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE L.7.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE CCRA.W. 2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

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DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

STANDARD	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STATE GOAL /
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Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
STANDARD	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.

**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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STANDARD	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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STANDARD	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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STANDARD	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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STANDARD	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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**STATE GOAL /
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Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STANDARD	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
STANDARD	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**STATE GOAL /
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Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.3.	Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
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STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
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**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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STANDARD	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
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**STATE GOAL /
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Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Reading Standards for Literature
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Reading Standards for Literature
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Reading Standards for Literature
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Reading Standards for Literature
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
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STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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**STATE GOAL /
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CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.3.	Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD L.6.3.a. Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE L.6.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE CCRA.R. 2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE CCRA.R. 3. Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
2.

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
3.

Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
7.

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
10.

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD

W.8.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.8.4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.8.5.

With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.8.7.

Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.8.8.

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.8.10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.3.	Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Writing Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
STANDARD	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
10.

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
5.

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
8.

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STANDARD	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
STANDARD	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Illinois Learning Standards**Language Arts****Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013****STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
7.

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
10.

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
5.

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Research to Build and Present Knowledge**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
8.

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Comprehension and Collaboration**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.S
L.1.

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Knowledge of Language**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
3.

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
6.

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.8.1.

Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.8.10.

By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Text Types and Purposes****DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE**

W.8.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

STANDARD

W.8.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Production and Distribution of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.8.4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

W.8.5.

With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Research to Build and Present Knowledge**

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Writing Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Speaking and Listening Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT**

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
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STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STANDARD	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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STANDARD	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Language Standards

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
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**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Range of Writing**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.W.
10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Comprehension and Collaboration**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.S
L.1.

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.L.
4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Key Ideas and Details**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.6.3.

Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature****LEARNING
STANDARD /
DISCIPLINE****Craft and Structure**DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

RL.6.5.

Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Reading Standards for Literature**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.6.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Speaking and Listening Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
STANDARD	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
STANDARD	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Language Standards	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	Reading Standards for Literature	

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Reading Standards for Literature
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Writing Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
STANDARD	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Speaking and Listening Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

STANDARD

L.7.3.a.

Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINE

L.7.6.

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS) / Implemented 2013

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
3.

Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DESCRIPTOR /
CONTENT
DISCIPLINECCRA.R.
7.

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.R. 10.	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.W. 10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration

DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.S L.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCRA.L. 4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Reading Standards for Literature		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Text Types and Purposes
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
STANDARD	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Production and Distribution of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		
Writing Standards		

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
STANDARD	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT		Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
STANDARD	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
STANDARD	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

**STATE GOAL /
DISCIPLINARY
CONCEPT****Language Standards**

LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.