

NATIONAL STANDARDS AND BENCHMARKS

STANDARDS	BENCHMARKS
LANGUAGE ARTS: WRITING	
Uses the general skills and strategies of the writing process	Prewriting: Uses a variety of prewriting strategies Drafting and Revising: Uses a variety of strategies to draft and revise written work Uses strategies to address writing to different audiences
Uses the stylistic and rhetorical aspects of writing	Writes persuasive compositions that address problems/solutions or causes/effects Uses precise and descriptive language that clarifies and enhances ideas and supports different purposes Uses a variety of techniques to convey a personal style and voice
LANGUAGE ARTS: READING	
Uses the general skills and strategies of the reading process	Understands writing techniques used to influence the reader and accomplish an author's purpose Understands influences on a reader's response to text
Uses reading skills and strategies to understand and interpret a variety of informational texts	Analyzes techniques used to convey viewpoints or impressions Uses discussions with peers as a way of understanding information
LANGUAGE ARTS: MEDIA	
Understands the characteristics and components of the media	Understands that media messages have economic, political, social, and aesthetic purposes Understands how different media are structured to present a particular subject or point of view Understands the influence of media on society as a whole Understands the role of the media in addressing social and cultural issues
LANGUAGE ARTS: LISTENING AND SPEAKING	
Uses listening and speaking strategies for different purposes	Adjusts message wording and delivery to particular audiences and for particular purposes Makes multimedia presentations using text, images, and sound Responds to questions and feedback about own presentations Understands how style and content of spoken language varies in different contexts and how this influences interpretation of these texts
LANGUAGE ARTS: VIEWING	
Uses viewing skills and strategies to understand and interpret visual media	Uses viewing skills and strategies to understand and interpret visual media Uses viewing skills and strategies to understand and interpret visual media
ARTS AND COMMUNICATION	
Understands ways in which the human experience is transmitted and reflected in the arts and communication	Understands how the communication of ideas relates to the media, techniques, and processes one uses in various art forms
VISUAL ARTS	
Understands and applies media, techniques, and processes related to the visual arts	Understands how the communication of ideas relates to the media, techniques, and processes one uses
HEALTH	
Knows essential concepts and practices concerning injury prevention and safety	Knows injury prevention strategies for community health
Knows health risk factors and techniques to manage and reduce those risks	Knows how to make positive health decisions related to injury, tobacco, nutrition, physical activity, sexuality, and alcohol and other drugs

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