Draft Recommendations Side by Side—English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 6

Current English Language Arts and Reading TEKS	TEKS Review Committee Draft Recommendations
(1) Reading/Fluency. Students read grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. Students are expected to adjust fluency when reading aloud grade-level text based on the reading purpose and the nature of the text.	 (1) Developing and Sustaining Foundational Language Skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. Students develop oral language and word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode and encode. Students apply knowledge and relationships found in the structures, origins, and contextual meanings of words. The student is expected to: (A) self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time;
	(C) adjusting fluency when reading grade-level text based on the reading purpose; and
(2) Reading/Vocabulary Development. Students understand new vocabulary and use it when reading and writing. Students are expected to:	(1) Developing and Sustaining Foundational Language Skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. Students develop oral language and word structure knowledge
(A) determine the meaning of grade-level academic English words derived from Latin, Greek, or other linguistic roots and affixes;	through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode and encode. Students apply knowledge and relationships found in the structures, origins, and contextual meanings of words. The student is expected
(B) use context (e.g., cause and effect or compare and contrast organizational text structures) to determine or clarify the meaning of unfamiliar or multiple meaning words;	to: (B) develop vocabulary to:
(C) complete analogies that describe part to whole or whole to part (e.g., ink:pen as page: or pen:ink as book:);	(i) use print, digital and web-based reference resources to determine the meanings, syllabication, pronunciations, alternate word choices, and parts of speech of words in context.
(D) explain the meaning of foreign words and phrases commonly used in written English (e.g., RSVP, que sera sera); and	(ii) use context to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words or multiple meaning words; and
(E) use a dictionary, a glossary, or a thesaurus (printed or electronic) to determine the meanings, syllabication, pronunciations, alternate word choices, and parts of speech of words.	(iii) determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived from Greek and Latin, roots including: mis, mit, bene, man, vac, scrib/script, and jur/jus;
(3) Reading/Comprehension of Literary Text/Theme and Genre. Students analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about theme and genre in different cultural, historical, and contemporary contexts and provide evidence from the text to	(3) Response: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students react and respond to a variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
support their understanding. Students are expected to:	(B) interpret ideas from a variety of sources and provide relevant text evidence and
(A) infer the implicit theme of a work of fiction, distinguishing theme from the topic;	(C) discuss and write about the implicit and explicit meanings of text;
(B) analyze the function of stylistic elements (e.g., magic helper, rule of three) in traditional and classical literature from various cultures; and	(G) compare multiple sources including different genres and write a response with accurate and relevant text evidence;
(C) compare and contrast the historical and cultural settings of two literary works.	(5) Multiple Genres: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students recognize and analyze genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes

	within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
	(A) recognize characteristics and structures of literary texts including;
	(iv) explaining multiple themes and ideas not explicitly stated in texts;
	(F) recognize how forms and structures are the same and different within and across genres such as historical fiction, legends and myths, fantasy, science fiction, biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, informational text, primary source documents, narrative nonfiction, argumentative text, poetry, drama, and hybrid text.
(4) Reading/Comprehension of Literary Text/Poetry. Students understand, make inferences and draw conclusions about the structure and elements of poetry and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. Students are expected	(3) Response: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students react and respond to a variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
to explain how figurative language (e.g., personification, metaphors, similes, hyperbole) contributes to the meaning of a poem.	(B) interpret ideas from a variety of sources and provide relevant text evidence and
	(C) discuss and write about the implicit and explicit meanings of text;
	(5) Multiple Genres: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students recognize and analyze genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
	(E) analyze the importance of visual elements such as capital letters, line length, word position) in various forms of poetry;
	(F) recognize how forms and structures are the same and different within and across genres such as historical fiction, legends and myths, fantasy, science fiction, biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, informational text, primary source documents, narrative nonfiction, argumentative text, poetry, drama, and hybrid text.
	(6) Author's Purpose and Craft: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students use critical inquiry to analyze the purpose of authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a text. Students emulate author's craft purposefully in order to develop their own products and performances. The student is expected to:
	(B) explain how sensory and figurative language, such as personification, metaphors, similes, and hyperbole, contribute to meaning;
(5) Reading/Comprehension of Literary Text/Drama. Students understand, make inferences and draw conclusions about the structure and elements of drama and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. Students are expected	(3) Response: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students react and respond to a variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
to explain the similarities and differences in the setting, characters, and plot of a play and those in a film based upon the same story line.	(B) interpret ideas from a variety of sources and provide relevant text evidence and

- (C) discuss and write about the implicit and explicit meanings of text;
 - (5) Multiple Genres: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students recognize and analyze genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
 - (A) recognize characteristics and structures of literary texts including:
 - (v) describing how a playwright uses acts, scenes, stage directions, and scripted dialogue to develop dramatic action. [dramatic action: continuous conflict between and among the characters]
 - (D) analyze and construct multimodal texts and digital literacies for a variety of purposes;
 - (F) recognize how forms and structures are the same and different within and across genres such as historical fiction, legends and myths, fantasy, science fiction, biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, informational text, primary source documents, narrative nonfiction, argumentative text, poetry, drama, and hybrid text.
- (6) Reading/Comprehension of Literary Text/Fiction. Students understand, make inferences and draw conclusions about the structure and elements of fiction and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. Students are expected to:
- (A) summarize the elements of plot development (e.g., rising action, turning point, climax, falling action, denouement) in various works of fiction;
- (B) recognize dialect and conversational voice and explain how authors use dialect to convey character; and
- (C) describe different forms of point-of-view, including first- and third-person.

- (3) Response: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students react and respond to a variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (B) interpret ideas from a variety of sources and provide relevant text evidence and
- (C) discuss and write about the implicit and explicit meanings of text;
- (5) Multiple Genres: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students recognize and analyze genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) recognize characteristics and structures of literary texts including;
- (i) analyzing and summarizing the relationship between of linear and nonlinear plot development including the use of foreshadowing to advance the plot;
- ii. explaining the influence of the setting in character and plot development;
- (iii) analyzing the roles and functions of characters including their relationships and conflicts;
- (F) recognize how forms and structures are the same and different within and across genres such as historical fiction, legends and myths, fantasy, science fiction,

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	(F) identify and analyze the use of literary devices including omniscient and limited point of view and foreshadowing to achieve a specific purpose;
(7) Reading/Comprehension of Literary Text/Literary Nonfiction. Students understand, make inferences and draw conclusions about the varied structural patterns and features of literary nonfiction and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. Students are expected to identify the literary language and devices used in memoirs and personal narratives and compare their	(3) Response: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing using Multiple Texts.Students react and respond to a variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:(B) interpret ideas from a variety of sources and provide relevant text evidence and
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	(B) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text including:
	(i) using features such as introduction, foreword, or preface, references, or acknowledgements to gain background information and understand the author's perspective on the topic; and(ii) explaining how different organizational structures such as description, cause and effect,
	compare and contrast, sequential order, chronological order, proposition-and-support, and problem-and-solution, support the main ideas;
	(F) recognize how forms and structures are the same and different within and across genres such as historical fiction, legends and myths, fantasy, science fiction, biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, informational text, primary source documents, narrative nonfiction, argumentative text, poetry, drama, and hybrid text.
(8) Reading/Comprehension of Literary Text/Sensory Language. Students understand, make inferences and draw conclusions about how an author's sensory language creates imagery in literary text and provide evidence from text to support	(3) Response: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students react and respond to a variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
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and apply author's craft purposefully in order to develop their own products and performances. The student is expected to: (D) explain the effect of literal and figurative language including metaphor, simile, personification, and imagery to achieve intended purposes; (9) Reading/Comprehension of Informational Text/Culture and History. Students analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about the author's purpose in cultural, historical, and contemporary contexts and provide evidence from the text to support their understanding. Students are expected to: (B) interpret ideas from a variety of sources and provide relevant text evidence and (C) discuss and write about the implicit and explicit meanings of text; (G) compare multiple sources including different genres and write a response with accurate and relevant text evidence; (6) Author's Purpose and Craft: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students use critical inquiry to analyze the purpose of authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a text. Students will analyze and applyauthor's craft purposefully in order to develop their own products and performances. The student is expected to: (A) identify and analyze the author's purpose and message within texts; (B) identify and explain how a text structure contributes to an author's purpose and provide relevant text evidence and visiting using Multiple Texts. Students react and respond to a variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to: (A) summarize the main ideas and supporting details in text, demonstrating an		
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		(B) interpret ideas from a variety of sources and provide relevant text evidence and
understanding that a summary does not include opinions; (C) discuss and write about the implicit and explicit meanings of text;		(C) discuss and write about the implicit and explicit meanings of text;
		(F) paraphrase or summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order and
(C) explain how different organizational patterns (e.g., proposition-and-support, problem-and-solution) develop the main idea and the author's viewpoint; and (5) Multiple Genres: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students recognize and analyze genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes	problem-and-solution) develop the main idea and the author's viewpoint; and	Students recognize and analyze genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes
(D) synthesize and make logical connections between ideas within a text and across two or three texts representing similar or different genres. within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical and diverse texts. The student is expected to:		
(B) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text including		(B) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text including

- (i) using features such as introduction, foreword, or preface, references, or acknowledgements to gain background information and understand the author's perspective on the topic
- (ii) explaining how different organizational structures such as description, cause and effect, compare and contrast, sequential order, chronological order, proposition-and-support and problem-and-solution, support the main ideas
- (D) analyze and construct multimodal texts and digital literacies for a variety of purposes;
- (F) recognize how forms and structures are the same and different within and across genres such as historical fiction, legends and myths, fantasy, science fiction, biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, informational text, primary source documents, narrative nonfiction, argumentative text, poetry, drama, and hybrid text.
- (11) Reading/Comprehension of Informational Text/Persuasive Text. Students analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about persuasive text and provide evidence from text to support their analysis. Students are expected to:
- (A) compare and contrast the structure and viewpoints of two different authors writing for the same purpose, noting the stated claim and supporting evidence; and
- (B) identify simply faulty reasoning used in persuasive texts.

- (3) Response: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students react and respond to a variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (B) interpret ideas from a variety of sources and provide relevant text evidence and
- (C) discuss and write about the implicit and explicit meanings of text;
- (G) compare multiple sources including different genres and write a response with accurate and relevant text evidence;
- (5) Multiple Genres: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students recognize and analyze genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
- (C) recognize characteristics and structures of persuasive or argumentative text including
- (i) analyze the argument by identifying the claim the author presents in the thesis and explain how the author supports their position with detailed and relevant evidence, and consideration of alternatives.
- (F) recognize how forms and structures are the same and different within and across genres such as historical fiction, legends and myths, fantasy, science fiction, biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, informational text, primary source documents, narrative nonfiction, argumentative text, poetry, drama, and hybrid text.

	(6) Author's Purpose and Craft: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students use critical inquiry to analyze the purpose of authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a text. Students will analyze and applyauthor's craft purposefully in order to develop their own products and performances. The student is expected to:
	(G) identify and analyze the use of rhetorical devices including exaggeration and stereotyping
(12) Reading/Comprehension of Informational Text/Procedural Texts. Students understand how to glean and use information in procedural texts and documents. Students are expected to:	(3) Response: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students react and respond to a variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
(A) follow multi-tasked instructions to complete a task, solve a problem, or	(B) interpret ideas from a variety of sources and provide relevant text evidence and
perform procedures; and (B) interpret factual, quantitative, or technical information presented in maps, charts, illustrations, graphs, timelines, tables, and diagrams.	(5) Multiple Genres: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students recognize and analyze genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
	(D) analyze and construct multimodal texts and digital literacies for a variety of purposes;
(13) Reading/Media Literacy. Students use comprehension skills to analyze how words, images, graphics, and sounds work together in various forms to impact meaning. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth in increasingly more complex texts. Students are expected to:	(5) Multiple Genres: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students recognize and analyze genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
(A) explain messages conveyed in various forms of media;	(C) recognize characteristics and structures of persuasive or argumentative text
(B) recognize how various techniques influence viewers' emotions;	including:
(C) critique persuasive techniques (e.g., testimonials, bandwagon appeal) used in media messages; and	(i) analyze the argument by identifying the claim the author presents in the thesis and explain how the author supports their position with detailed and relevant evidence, and consideration of alternatives;
(D) analyze various digital media venues for levels of formality and informality.	(D) analyze and construct multimodal texts and digital literacies for a variety of purposes;
	(6) Author's Purpose and Craft: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students use critical inquiry to analyze the purpose of authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a text. Students will analyze and apply author's craft purposefully in order to develop their own products and performances. The student is expected to:
	(C) interpret author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;

- (14) Writing/Writing Process. Students use elements of the writing process (planning, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing) to compose text. Students are expected to:
- (A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre appropriate for conveying the intended meaning to an audience, determining appropriate topics through a range of strategies (e.g., discussion, background reading, personal interests, interviews), and developing a thesis or controlling idea;
- (B) develop drafts by choosing an appropriate organizational strategy (e.g., sequence of events, cause-effect, compare-contrast) and building on ideas to create a focused, organized, and coherent piece of writing;
- (C) revise drafts to clarify meaning, enhance style, include simple and compound sentences, and improve transitions by adding, deleting, combining, and rearranging sentences or larger units of text after rethinking how well questions of purpose, audience, and genre have been addressed;
- (D) edit drafts for grammar, mechanics, and spelling; and
- (E) revise final draft in response to feedback from peers and teacher and publish written work for appropriate audiences.

- (E) identify and analyze how an author's use of language contributes to mood and tone of a text;
- (7) Composition and Presentation: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students use the modes of writing/discourse and the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are meaningful and legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
- (A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre appropriate for conveying the intended meaning to an audience, determining appropriate topics through a range of strategies, such as discussion, background reading, personal interests, and interviews
- (B) develop drafts by choosing an effective organizational strategy, such as sequence of events, cause-effect, and compare-contrast, and building on ideas to create a focused, organized, and coherent piece of writing;
- (C) revise drafts independently and collaboratively to ensure clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence fluency
- (D) edit drafts independently and collaboratively using standard English conventions of grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation including
- (E) publish written work for appropriate audiences;
- (F) use the elements of craft to advance the writer's purpose when composing by
- (i) developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific details and relevance
- (ii) organizing with sound and purposeful structure including an effective lead, transitions, sentence-to-sentence connections, and closing
- (iii) using intentional word choice, precise nouns, and strong actions verbs
- (iv) constructing a variety of sentence structures and lengths
- (v) using author's craft to develop voice
- (3) Response: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students react and respond to a variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (H) respond to ideas and feedback about personal and academic writing; and
- (I) respond to various audiences with appropriate register, vocabulary, and voice.
- (15) Writing/Literary Texts. Students write literary texts to express their ideas and feelings about real or imagined people, events, and ideas. Students are expected to:
- (A) write imaginative stories that include:

(7) Composition and Presentation: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students use the modes of writing/discourse and the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are meaningful and legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:

(i) a clearly defined focus, plot, and point of view;(ii) a specific, believable setting created through the use of sensory details; and	(G) compose literary texts using genre characteristics and author's craft including personal narratives, fiction and poetry
(iii) dialogue that develops the story; and	
(B) write poems using:	
(i) poetic techniques (e.g., alliteration, onomatopoeia);	
(ii) figurative language (e.g., similes, metaphors); and	
(iii) graphic elements (e.g., capital letters, line length).	
(16) Writing. Students write about their own experiences. Students are expected to write a personal narrative that has a clearly defined focus and communicates the importance of or reasons for actions and/or consequences.	(7) Composition and Presentation: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students use the modes of writing/discourse and the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are meaningful and legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
	(G) compose literary texts using genre characteristics and author's craft including personal narratives, fiction and poetry
(17) Writing/Expository and Procedural Texts. Students write expository and procedural or work-related texts to communicate ideas and information to specific audiences for specific purposes. Students are expected to:	(3) Response: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students react and respond to a variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
(A) create multi-paragraph essays to convey information about a topic that:	(I) respond to various audiences with appropriate register, vocabulary, and voice.
(i) present effective introductions and concluding paragraphs;	(7) Composition and Presentation: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using
(ii) guide and inform the reader's understanding of key ideas and evidence;	Multiple Texts. Students use the modes of writing/discourse and the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are meaningful and legible and use
(iii) include specific facts, details, and examples in an appropriately organized	appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
structure; and	(H) compose informational texts using genre characteristics and author's craft
(iv) use a variety of sentence structures and transitions to link paragraphs;	including essays;
(B) write informal letters that convey ideas, include important information, demonstrate a sense of closure, and use appropriate conventions (e.g., date, salutation, closing);	(J) compose correspondence that reflects an opinion, registers a compliant, or requests information in a business or friendly structure;
(C) write responses to literary or expository texts and provide evidence from the text to demonstrate understanding; and	
(D) produce a multimedia presentation involving text and graphics using available technology.	
(18) Writing/Persuasive Texts. Students write persuasive texts to influence the attitudes or actions of a specific audience on specific issues. Students are expected to write persuasive essays for appropriate audiences that establish a position and	(3) Response: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students react and respond to a variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:

include sound reasoning, detailed and relevant evidence, and consideration of alternatives.	(I) respond to various audiences with appropriate register, vocabulary, and voice.
	(7) Composition and Presentation: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students use the modes of writing/discourse and the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are meaningful and legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
	(I) compose argumentative texts using genre characteristics and author's craft
(19) Oral and Written Conventions/Conventions. Students understand the function of and use the conventions of academic language when speaking and writing. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater complexity. Students are expected to:	(7) Composition and Presentation: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students use the modes of writing/discourse and the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are meaningful and legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
(A) use and understand the function of the following parts of speech in the context of reading, writing, and speaking:	(D) edit drafts independently and collaboratively using standard English conventions of grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation including:
(i) verbs (irregular verbs and active and passive voice);	(i) sentence combining techniques to write with variety;
(ii) non-count nouns (e.g., rice, paper);	(iii) parallel structures
(iii) predicate adjectives (She is <i>intelligent</i> .) and their comparative and superlative forms (e.g., many, more, most);	(iv) consistent verb tenses (v) subject-verb agreement;
(iv) conjunctive adverbs (e.g., consequently, furthermore, indeed);	(vi) appropriate pronouns for clarity;
(v) prepositions and prepositional phrases to convey location, time, direction, or to provide details;	The state of the s
(vi) indefinite pronouns (e.g., all, both, nothing, anything);	
(vii) subordinating conjunctions (e.g., while, because, although, if); and	
(viii) transitional words and phrases that demonstrate an understanding of the function of the transition related to the organization of the writing (e.g., on the contrary, in addition to);	
(B) differentiate between the active and passive voice and know how to use them both; and	
(C) use complete simple and compound sentences with correct subject-verb agreement.	
(20) Oral and Written Conventions/Handwriting, Capitalization, and Punctuation. Students write legibly and use appropriate capitalization and punctuation conventions in their compositions. Students are expected to:	(7) Composition and Presentation: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students use the modes of writing/discourse and the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are meaningful and legible and use
(A) use capitalization for:	appropriate conventions. The student is expected to: (D) edit drafts independently and collaboratively using standard English conventions
(i) abbreviations;	of grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation including

(ii) initials and acronyms; and	(x) use conventions of capitalization for proper nouns appropriately including abbreviations, initials acronyms, and organizations;
(iii) organizations;(B) recognize and use punctuation marks including:	(ii) use commas in compound sentences and after transitions words and introductory words and phrases;
(i) commas in compound sentences;	(vii) use quotation marks correctly such as for dialogue; and
(ii) proper punctuation and spacing for quotations; and	(viii) use proper mechanics for referencing titles of books.
(iii) parentheses, brackets, and ellipses (to indicate omissions and interruptions or incomplete statements); and	
(C) use proper mechanics including italics and underlining for titles of books.	
(21) Oral and Written Conventions/Spelling. Students spell correctly. Students are expected to:	(7) Composition and Presentation: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students use the modes of writing/discourse and the writing process
(A) differentiate between commonly confused terms (e.g., its, it's; affect, effect);	recursively to compose multiple texts that are meaningful and legible and use appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
(B) use spelling patterns and rules and print and electronic resources to determine and check correct spellings; and	(xi) differentiate between commonly confused terms such as its, it's; affect, effect; and
(C) know how to use the spell-check function in word processing while understanding its limitations.	(xii) use spelling patterns and rules and print and electronic resources to determine and check correct spellings.
(22) Research/Research Plan. Students ask open-ended research questions and develop a plan for answering them. Students are expected to:	(8) Inquiry and Research: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students engage in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for self-selected and assigned purposes. The student is expected to:
(A) brainstorm, consult with others, decide upon a topic, and formulate openended questions to address the major research topic; and	(A) generate student selected and teacher guided questions for formal and informal
(B) generate a research plan for gathering relevant information about the major research question.	inquiry (B) develop a plan
(23) Research/Gathering Sources. Students determine, locate, and explore the full range of relevant sources addressing a research question and systematically record the information they gather. Students are expected to:	(8) Inquiry and Research: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students engage in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for self-selected and assigned purposes. The student is expected to:
(A) follow the research plan to collect data from a range of print and electronic	(C) gather and synthesize information from a variety of sources
resources (e.g., reference texts, periodicals, web pages, online sources) and data from experts;	(D) determine credibility of primary and secondary sources
(B) differentiate between primary and secondary sources;	(3) Response: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students react and respond to a variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The
(C) record data, utilizing available technology (e.g., word processors) in order to see the relationships between ideas, and convert graphic/visual data (e.g., charts,	student is expected to:
diagrams, timelines) into written notes;	(C) discuss and write about the implicit and explicit meanings of text;
	(D) interact with a variety of sources read, heard, or viewed in meaningful ways such as annotation, notetaking, annotating, and free writing.

(D) identify the source of notes (e.g., author, title, page number) and record bibliographic information concerning those sources according to a standard format; and	
(E) differentiate between paraphrasing and plagiarism and identify the importance of citing valid and reliable sources.	
(24) Research/Synthesizing Information. Students clarify research questions and evaluate and synthesize collected information. Students are expected to:	
(A) refine the major research question, if necessary, guided by the answers to a secondary set of questions; and	
(B) evaluate the relevance and reliability of sources for the research.	
(25) Research/Organizing and Presenting Ideas. Students organize and present their ideas and information according to the purpose of the research and their audience. Students are expected to synthesize the research into a written or an oral presentation that:	(1) Developing and Sustaining Foundational Language Skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. Students develop oral language and word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate decode and encode. Students apply knowledge and relationships found in the structure and state of the stat
(A) compiles important information from multiple sources;	in the structures, origins, and contextual meanings of words. The student is expected to:
(B) develops a topic sentence, summarizes findings, and uses evidence to support conclusions;	(D) develop oral language through listening and speaking by:
(C) presents the findings in a consistent format; and	(iii) giving an organized presentation with a specific point of view
(D) uses quotations to support ideas and an appropriate form of documentation to acknowledge sources (e.g., bibliography, works cited).	(3) Response: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students react and respond to a variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
	(I) respond to various audiences with appropriate register, vocabulary, and voice.
	(8) Inquiry and Research: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students engage in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for self-selected and assigned purposes. The student is expected to:
	(E) demonstrate understanding using appropriate mode of delivery
	(i) display academic citations
	(ii) use source materials ethically
	(F) incorporate digital technology, when appropriate
(26) Listening and Speaking/Listening. Students will use comprehension skills to listen attentively to others in formal and informal settings. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater complexity. Students are expected to:	(1) Developing and Sustaining Foundational Language Skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. Students develop oral language and word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate decode and encode. Students apply knowledge and relationships found
(A) listen to and interpret a speaker's messages (both verbal and nonverbal) and ask questions to clarify the speaker's purpose and perspective;	Tomas decode and encode. Stadents apply knowledge and relationships found

(B) follow and give oral instructions that include multiple action steps; and(C) paraphrase the major ideas and supporting evidence in formal and informal presentations.	in the structures, origins, and contextual meanings of words. The student is expected to: (D) develop oral language through listening and speaking by: (i) following, restating, and giving oral instructions that involve a short related sequence of actions; (iv) developing strategies to support active listening; and (4) Collaboration. Students develop collaboration skills to participate productively in diverse interactions within a variety of digital and social environments using the four
	domains of language as appropriate. The student is expected to: (A) listen actively to interpret verbal and nonverbal messages and ask clarifying questions;
(27) Listening and Speaking/Speaking. Students speak clearly and to the point, using the conventions of language. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater complexity. Students are expected to give an organized presentation with a specific point of view, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively.	(1) Developing and Sustaining Foundational Language Skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. Students develop oral language and word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate decode and encode. Students apply knowledge and relationships found in the structures, origins, and contextual meanings of words. The student is expected to: (D) develop oral language through listening and speaking by:
	(ii) employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively;
	(iii) giving an organized presentation with a specific point of view
(28) Listening and Speaking/Teamwork. Students work productively with others in teams. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater complexity. Students are expected to participate in student-led discussions by eliciting and considering suggestions from other group members and by identifying points of agreement and disagreement.	(1) Developing and Sustaining Foundational Language Skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. Students develop oral language and word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate decode and encode. Students apply knowledge and relationships found in the structures, origins, and contextual meanings of words. The student is expected to:
	(D) develop oral language through listening and speaking by:
	(vi) developing social communication such as, providing peers with constructive praise and feedback, using oral language to explore, and negotiating and solving problems; and
	(4) Collaboration. Students develop collaboration skills to participate productively in diverse interactions within a variety of digital and social environments using the four domains of language as appropriate. The student is expected to:
	(B) work productively with others to develop a plan with clear goals;

	(C) participate in student-led discussions by eliciting and considering suggestions from other group members and by identifying points of agreement and disagreement.
Figure 19	
Reading/Comprehension Skills. Students use a flexible range of metacognitive reading skills in both assigned and independent reading to understand an author's message. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth in increasingly more complex texts as they become self-directed, critical readers. The student is expected to:	(2) Comprehension: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students use metacognitive skills to comprehend text with increasing depth and complexity. The student is expected to:(A) make and confirm predictions using text features, elements, and structure;
(A) establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon own or others' desired outcome to enhance comprehension;	(B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;
(B) ask literal, interpretive, and evaluative questions of text;	(C)create mental images to deepen understanding;
(C) monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud, generating questions);	(D) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and to the larger community to activate prior knowledge;
(D) make inferences about text and use textual evidence to support understanding;	(E) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
(E) summarize information in text, maintaining meaning and logical order; and	(F) prioritize information read to determine what is most important;
(F) make connections (e.g., thematic links, author analysis) between literary and	(G) synthesize information to create a new understanding;
informational texts with similar ideas and provide textual evidence.	(H) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected text; and
	(I) monitor comprehension, making connections and adjustments when understanding breaks down.
	(3) Response: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students react and respond to a variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
	(C) discuss and write about the implicit and explicit meanings of text;
	(E) reflect on and adjust responses when valid evidence is presented
	(F) paraphrase or summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order and
	(1) Developing and Sustaining Foundational Language Skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. Students develop oral language and word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate decode and encode. Students apply knowledge and relationships found in the structures, origins, and contextual meanings of words. The student is expected to:
	(D) develop oral language through listening and speaking by:
	(v) conducting an interview, including social, informative, and literary;

(vii) listening and responding to critique from peers after an oral presentation
(3) Response: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing using Multiple Texts. Students react and respond to a variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
(A) describe the emotional impact of and personal connections to a variety of sources including self selected texts;
(D) interact with a variety of sources read, heard, or viewed in meaningful ways such as annotation, notetaking, annotating, and free writing.
(4) Collaboration. Students develop collaboration skills to participate productively in diverse interactions within a variety of digital and social environments using the four domains of language as appropriate. The student is expected to:(D) evaluate the effectiveness of collaboration.