

## LANGUAGE ARTS

COMPONENT	OBJECTIVES	COMPETENCY
I Speaking Forums	<ol> <li>Orally interprets a poem of a maximum of 7 to 10 minutes in length.</li> <li>Orally interprets a published prose selection of a maximum of 7 to 10 minutes in length.</li> <li>Orally interprets a maximum 10 minute prose or dramatic selection with a partner.</li> <li>Presents an impromtu speech of 3 to 5 minutes in length.</li> <li>Presents a well-organized 5 to 7 minute informative speech.</li> <li>Presents a well-organized 5 to 7 minute persuasive speech.</li> <li>Presents a well-organized extemporaneous speech of 5 to 7 minutes.</li> <li>Presents a 7 to 10 minute memorized original oration.</li> <li>Understands the steps in problem-solving.</li> <li>Participates in a formal group discussion using problem-solving techniques.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>A. The student can demonstrate the ability to perform an impromtu, persuasive, extemporaneous speech, and an original oration.</li> <li>B. The student can demonstrate the ability to perform an interpretive selection including prose, poetry, and/or drama.</li> <li>C. The student can interact effectively in a formal group discussion.</li> </ul>
II Verbal Communication (Voice and Diction)	<ol> <li>Uses pitch and inflection to improve vocal effectiveness.</li> <li>Uses appropriate breathing, tone, and pitch.</li> <li>Develops vocal range.</li> <li>Demonstrates an ability to vocally interpret written material fluently, distinctly, and expressively.</li> <li>Pronounces, articulates, and enunciates all words clearly.</li> </ol>	A. The student can utilize the principles of voice production to enhance speaking activities.



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III Non-verbal Communication	<ol> <li>Recognizes nonverbal symbols and their importance in speech activities.</li> <li>Distinguishes between effective and distracting nonverbal cues.</li> <li>Makes valid inference from nonverbal information.</li> <li>Incorporates and evaluates effective gestures, facial expressions, and body movement in speech activities.</li> <li>Interprets the message of a speech.</li> <li>Overcome barriers to effective listening.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>A. The student can apply the elements of non-verbal communication to classroom speaking activities.</li> <li>B. The student can evaluate the use of effective listening skills.</li> </ul>
IV Research	<ol> <li>Understands the structure and organization of information resources (i.e., indexing, Library of Congress classification system).</li> <li>Accesses information in a variety of print and electronic resources.</li> <li>Uses maps, pictures, graphs, tables, and schedules.</li> <li>Evaluates the appropriateness of information.</li> </ol>	A. The student can utilize multiple resources in the school's media center and community library resources in the planning of classroom speech and interpretation activities.
V Analysis/Reasoning	<ol> <li>Recognizes the labels fallacies in speaking activities.</li> <li>Recognizes and labels the types of reasoning in all types of speech activities.</li> </ol>	A. The student can identify and critique various kinds of reasoning and fallacies used in classroom presentations.



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VI Critique	<ol> <li>Establishes criteria for evaluating speech activities.</li> <li>Understands the purpose of criticism and benefits from it.</li> <li>Recognizes and identifies his/her weaknesses in speaking</li> </ol>	A. The student can evaluate his/her performance, as well as the performance of peers in speech activities.
VII Personal/Social Development	<ol> <li>Exerts a high level of effort.</li> <li>Demonstrates a realistic and positive view of himself/herself.</li> <li>Demonstrates friendliness, assertiveness, adaptability, empathy, and politeness in classroom activities.</li> <li>Exhibits interest in what others say and do.</li> <li>Exhibits civic personal and social responsibility.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>A. The student can apply the elements of appropriate peer behavior for classroom speaking activities.</li> <li>B. The student can practice appropriate personal and peer behavior in speech activities in the school and community.</li> </ul>
VIII Roles/Careers	<ol> <li>The student can identify five careers in which good oral communication skills are essential.</li> <li>The student can present a three minute informative speech on a selected career.</li> </ol>	A. The student can explore and research career opportunities in oral communication.