

PROGRAM GOALS

LANGUAGE ARTS EDUCATION

1. The student knows basic elements and functions of language and communication, and appreciates the power of language to shape, mediate and reflect human experience.
2. The student knows a variety of literary forms, traditions and works that have cultural or personal importance, and values contributions of literature to individual and group life.
3. The student knows and can use conventions of spoken, written and visual communication needed to function effectively.
4. The student is able to comprehend literal and interpretive meanings of what he or she hears, reads and reviews.
5. The student is able to evaluate the worth or validity of written, spoken, or visual material, using standards appropriate to the subject, medium, purpose and context.
6. The student is able to speak and listen effectively in interaction with others.
7. The student is able to write clearly and effectively, using language and form appropriate to the subject, purpose, audience and context.
8. The student is able to use appropriate resources and processes of inquiry, problem-solving and composition to develop and present original works in speech, writing, or visual media.
9. The student is able to use appropriate communication systems, resources and skills for personal planning and decision-making in various life roles.
10. The student is able to use language and language arts with creativity, sensitivity, integrity and increasing confidence, as sources and means of identity and self-expression.
11. The student values uses of language, literature and popular media which uphold individual human rights, capabilities and opportunities, and which help people cope effectively with the complexity of human circumstances.
12. The student values the creativity and diversity of human languages, cultures, arts, and ideas.