

Language Standards K-8(L)								
Kindergartners:	Grade 1 Students	<b>Grade 2 Students</b>	<b>Grade 3 Students</b>	<b>Grade 4 Students</b>	<b>Grade 5 Students</b>	Grade 6 Students	<b>Grade 7 Students</b>	Grade 8 Students
Conventions of Standard	l English	·		·				
<ol> <li>Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.</li> <li>Print many upperand lowercase letters.</li> <li>Use frequently occurring nouns and verbs.</li> <li>Form regular plural nouns orally by adding /s/or /es/ (e.g., dog, dogs; wish, wishes).</li> <li>Understand and use question words (interrogatives) (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how).</li> <li>Use the most frequently occurring prepositions (e.g., to, from, in, out, on off, for, of, by, with).</li> <li>Produce and expand complete sentences in shared language activities.</li> </ol>	1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  a. Print all upper- and lowercase letters.  b. Use common, proper, and possessive nouns.  c. Use singular and plural nouns with matching verbs in basic sentences (e.g., He hops; We hop).  d. Use personal (subject, object), possessive, and indefinite pronouns (e.g., I, me, they, them, their; anyone, everything).  e. Use verbs to convey a sense of past, present, and future (e.g., Yesterday I walked home; Today I walk home; Tomorrow I will walk home.)  f. Use frequently occurring adjectives.  g. Use frequently occurring conjunctions (e.g., and, but, or, so, because).  h. Use determiners (e.g., articles, demonstratives).  i. Use frequently occurring prepositions (e.g., during, beyond, toward).  j. Produce and expand complete simple and compound declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences in response to prompts.	1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  a. Create readable documents with legible print.  b. Use collective nouns (e.g., group).  c. Form and use frequently occurring irregular plural nouns (e.g., feet children, teeth, mice, fish).  d. Use reflexive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves).  e. Form and use the past tense of frequently occurring irregular verbs (e.g., sat, hid, told).  f. Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.  g. Produce, expand, and rearrange complete simple and compound sentences (e.g., The boy watched the movie; The little boy watched the movie; The action movie was watched by the little boy).	1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  a. Write legibly in cursive or joined italics, allowing margins and correct spacing between letters in a word and words in a sentence.  b. Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences.  c. Use reciprocal pronouns correctly  d. Form and use regular and irregular plural nouns.  e. Use abstract nouns (e.g., childhood)  f. Form and use regular and irregular verbs.  g. Form and use the simple (e.g., I walked; I walk; I will walk) verb tenses.  h. Ensure subject-verb and pronoun antecedent agreement.*  i. Form and use comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.  j. Use coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.  k. Produce simple, compound, and complex sentences.	1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  a. Write fluidly and legibly in cursive or joined italics.  b. Use interrogative relative pronouns (who, whose, whom, which, that) and relative adverbs (where, when, why).  c. Form and use the progressive (e.g., I was walking; I am walking; I will be walking) verb tenses.  d. Use modal auxiliaries (e.g., can, may, must) to convey various conditions.  e. Order adjectives within sentences according to conventional patterns (e.g., a small red bag rather than a red small bag).  f. Form and use prepositional phrases. g. Produce complete sentences, recognizing and correcting inappropriate fragments and run-ons.*  h. Correctly use frequently confuse words (e.g., to, too, two; there, their).*	1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  a. Explain the function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections in general and their function in particular sentences.  b. Form and use the perfect (e.g., I had walked; I have walked; I will have walked; I will have walked) verb tenses.  c. Use verb tense to convey various times, sequences, states, and conditions.  d. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense.*  e. Use correlative conjunctions (e.g., either/or, neither/nor).	1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  a. Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive).  b. Use all pronouns, including intensive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves) correctly.  c. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person.*  d. Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).*  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.*	of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  a. Explain the function of phrases and clauses in general and their functions in specific sentences.  b. Chose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.  c. Place phrases and clauses within a sentence, recognizing and correcting misplaced and dangling modifiers.*	1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  a. Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.  b. Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.  c. Form and use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood.  d. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.*

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**English Language Arts K-8** "CA COMMON CORE STANDARDS CONTINUUM" Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools **Grade 2 Students Grade 4 Students Grade 5 Students Grade 6 Students Grade 7 Students Grade 8 Students Kindergartners: Grade 1 Students Grade 3 Students** Conventions of Standard English 2. Demonstrate command 2. Demonstrate command 2. Demonstrate command **2.** Demonstrate command of 2. Demonstrate command 2. Demonstrate command 2. Demonstrate command of the **2.** Demonstrate command of 2. 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Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, word in a sentence product names, and words in titles. separate items in a names of people. capitalization. dashes) to set off separate coordinate (comma, ellipsis, and the pronoun *I*. b. Use end punctuation geographic names. b. Use commas in Use commas and series.\* nonrestrictive adjectives (e.g., It was dash) to indicate a b. Recognize and name Use commas in addresses. quotation marks to b. Use a comma to /parenthetical elements.\* for sentences. a fascinating, pause or break. end punctuation. c. Use commas in dates greetings and Use commas and mark direct speech separate an b. Spell correctly. enjovable movie but b. Use an ellipsis to c. Write a letter or and to separate single closings of letters. quotation marks in and quotations from a introductory element not He wore an old [,] indicate an omission. c. Use an apostrophe to letters for most words in a series. dialogue. text. from the rest of the green shirt). c. Spell correctly. consonant and shortd. Use conventional form contractions d. Form and use c. Use a comma before sentence. b. Spell correctly. vowel sounds spelling for words and frequently possessives. a coordinating c. Use a comma to set (phonemes). with common occurring Use conventional conjunction in a off the words yes and Spell simple words spelling patterns and possessives. spelling for high compound sentence. no (e.g., Yes, thank phonetically, drawing for frequently Generalize learned frequency and other Spell gradeyou), to set off a tag on knowledge of occurring irregular spelling patterns studied words and for appropriate words question from the rest sound- letter words. when writing words adding suffixes to correctly, consulting of the sentence (e.g., relationships. e. Spell untaught words base words (e.g., It's true, isn't it?), (e.g., cage  $\rightarrow$  badge; references as needed. phonetically, drawing boy  $\rightarrow$  boil). sitting, smiled, cries, and to indicate direct on phonemic e. Consult reference happiness). address (e.g., Is that awareness and materials, including f. Use spelling patterns you, Steve?). spelling conventions. beginning and generalizations d. Use underlining, dictionaries, as (e.g., word families, quotation marks, or needed to check and position-based italics to indicate correct spellings. spellings, syllable titles of works. patterns, ending rules, e. Spell grademeaningful word appropriate words parts) in writing correctly, consulting words. references as needed. Consult reference materials, including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings. Knowledge of Language **3.** (Begins in grade 2) **3.** (Begins in grade 2) **3.** Use knowledge of **3.** Use knowledge of 3. 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Use verbs in the active phrases for effect.\* interest, and style.\* informal uses of phrases to convey reduce sentences for expresses ideas and passive voice and Recognize and observe ideas precisely.\* Maintain consistency in English. meaning, precisely and in the conditional and differences between Choose punctuation reader/listener interest. style and tone.\* concisely, recognizing subjunctive mood to for effect.\* and style. the conventions of and eliminating achieve particular spoken and written c. Differentiate between b. Compare and contrast wordiness and effects (e.g., standard English. contexts that call for the varieties of English redundancy.\* emphasizing the actor (e.g., dialects, formal English (e.g., or the action; presenting ideas) and registers) used in expressing uncertainty

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situations where

informal discourse is

appropriate (e.g., small group discussion).

stories, dramas, or

poems.

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Vocabulary Acquisition and Use								
4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on kindergarten reading and content.  a. Identify new meanings for familiar words and apply them accurately (e.g., knowing duck is a bird and learning the verb to duck).  b. Use the most frequently occurring inflections and affixes (e.g., -ed, -s, re-, un-pre-, -ful,-less) as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word.	<ul> <li>Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 1 reading and content, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies.</li> <li>a. Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</li> <li>b. Use frequently occurring affixes as a clue to the meaning of a word.</li> <li>c. Identify frequently occurring root words (e.g., look) and their inflectional forms (e.g., looks, looked, looking).</li> </ul>	4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 2 reading and content, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies.  a. Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.  b. Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known prefix is added to a known word (e.g., happy/unhappy, tell/retell).  c. Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with the same root (e.g., addition, additional).  d. Use knowledge of the meaning of individual words to predict the meaning of compound words (e.g., birdhouse, lighthouse, housefly; bookshelf, notebook, bookmark).  e. Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases in all content areas.	4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 3 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.  a. Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.  b. Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known affix is added to a known word (e.g., agreeable /disagreeable, comfortable /uncomfortable, care/careless, heat/preheat).  c. Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with the same root (e.g., company, companion).  d. Use glossaries or beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases in all content areas.	4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.  a. Use context (e.g., definitions, examples, or restatements in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.  b. Use common, grade-appropriate    Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., telegraph, photograph, autograph).  c. Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases and to identify alternate word choices in all content areas.	4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 5 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.  a. Use context (e.g., cause/effect relationships and comparisons in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.  b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., photograph, photosynthesis).  c. Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases and to identify alternate word choices in all content areas.	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>b. Use common, gradeapropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., audience, auditory, audible).</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., belligerent, bellicose, rebel).</li> <li>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 or trace the etymology of words.</li> <li>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).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning of words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots a clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede).</li> <li>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 or trace the etymology of words.</li> <li>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).</li> </ul>

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Vocabulary Acquisition and Use (continued)								
<ul> <li>5. With guidance and support from adults, explore word relationships and nuances in word meanings.</li> <li>a. Sort common objects into categories (e.g., shapes, foods) to gain a sense of the concepts the categories represent.</li> <li>b. Demonstrate understanding of frequently occurring verbs and adjectives by relating them to their opposites (antonyms).</li> <li>c. Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., note places at school that are colorful).</li> <li>d. Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs describing the same general action (e.g., walk, march, strut, prance) by acting out the meanings.</li> </ul>	5. With guidance and support from adults, demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.  a. Sort words into categories (e.g., colors, clothing) to gain a sense of the concepts the categories represent.  b. Define words by category and by one or more key attributes (e.g., a duck is a bird that swims; a tiger is a large cat with stripes).  c. Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., note places at home that are cozy).  d. Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs differing in manner (e.g., look, peek, glance, stare, glare, scowl) and adjectives differing in intensity (e.g., large, gigantic) by defining or choosing them or by acting out the meanings.	5. Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings. a. Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe foods that are spicy or juicy). b. Distinguish shades of meaning among closely related verbs (e.g., toss, throw, hurl) and closely related adjectives (e.g., thin, slender, skinny, scrawny).	5. Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings. a. Distinguish the literal and non-literal meanings of words and phrases in context (e.g., take steps). b. Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe people who are friendly or helpful). c. Distinguish shades of meaning among related words that describe states of mind or degrees of certainty (e.g., knew, believed, suspected, heard, wondered).	<ul> <li>Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.</li> <li>a. Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors (e.g., as pretty as a picture) in context.</li> <li>b. Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs.</li> <li>c. Demonstrate understanding of words by relating them to their opposites (antonyms) and to words with similar but not identical meanings (synonyms).</li> </ul>	5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. a. Interpret figurative language, including similes and metaphors, in context. b. Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs. c. Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonyms, antonyms, homographs) to better understand each of the words.	<ul> <li>5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.</li> <li>a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., personification) in context.</li> <li>b. Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., cause/effect, part/ whole, item/ category) to better understand each of the words.</li> <li>c. Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., stingy, scrimping, economical, unwasteful, thrifty).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.</li> <li>a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., literary, biblical, and mythological allusions) in context.</li> <li>b. Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonym/antonym, analogy) to better understand each of the words.</li> <li>c. Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotation (definitions) (e.g., refined, respectful, polite, diplomatic, condescending).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.</li> <li>a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., verbal irony, puns) in context.</li> <li>b. Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.</li> <li>c. Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute.)</li> </ul>
6. Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.	6. Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using frequently occurring conjunctions to signal simple relationships (e.g., because).	6. Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using adjectives and adverbs to describe (e.g., When other kids are happy that makes me happy).	6. Acquire and use accurately grade appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain specific words and phrases, including those that signal spatial and temporal relationships (e.g., After dinner that night we went looking for them).	6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., quizzed, whined, stammered) and that are basic to a particular topic (e.g., wildlife, conservation, and endangered when discussing animal preservation).	6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal contrast, addition, and other logical relationships (e.g., however, although, nevertheless, similarly, moreover, in addition).	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.	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.	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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