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LISTENING AND SPEAKING – Listening and Speaking Strategies

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1. Comprehension	1. Comprehension	1. Comprehension
6.1.1 related the speaker's verbal communication (e.g., word choice, pitch, feeling, tone) and non-verbal messages (e.g., posture, gestures)	7.1.1 ask probing questions designed to elicit purposeful information, including evidence to support the listener's claims and conclusions	8.1.1 analyze oral interpretations of literature (language choice and delivery) for effects on the listener
6.1.2 identify the tone, mood and emotion conveyed in the oral communication	 7.1.2 determine the speaker's attitude toward the subject 7.1.3 respond to persuasive messages with questions, challenges or affirmations 	8.1.2 paraphrase the speaker's purpose and point of view and ask relevant questions concerning a speaker's content, delivery and purpose
6.1.3 restate and execute multi-step oral instructions and directions		
2. Group Work	2. Group Work	2. Group Work
6.2.1 employ group decision-making techniques such as problem-solving (e.g., define problem, divide labor efficiently, identify solutions, select and implement optimal solution)	7.2.1 define roles and share responsibility for a team project; set objectives and time frame for work to be completed; establish process for group decision-making; review progress	8.2.1 define roles and share responsibility for a team project; specify goals and constraints; generate alternatives; consider risks; evaluate and choose solutions; monitor progress and make modifications to meet stated objectives
3. Organization & Delivery of Oral Communications	3. Organization & Delivery of Oral Communications	3. Organization & Delivery of Oral Communications
6.3.1 select a focus, organization and point of view, matching purpose, message, occasion and voice modulation to the audience	7.3.1 shape information to achieve a particular purpose and to appeal to the interest and prior knowledge of audience members	8.3.1 shape information to achieve a particular purpose, matching message, vocabulary, voice modulation, expression and tone to audience and purpose

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 6.3.2 emphasize salient points to assist the listener in following main ideas and concepts 6.3.3 support opinions expressed with detailed evidence, visuals or media displays, using appropriate technology 6.3.4 use effective rate, volume, pitch and tone and align non-verbal elements to hold audience attention 	 7.3.2 arrange details, reasons, descriptions and examples effectively and persuasively in terms of the needs and interests of a specified audience 7.3.3 uses explicit techniques for effective presentations, including voice modulation, inflection, tempo, enunciation and eye contact 	 8.3.2 write outlines consisting of an introduction, transitions, previews and summaries, a logically developed body and a conclusion reflecting the chosen pattern of organization 8.3.3 use precise language, action verbs, sensory details, appropriate and colorful modifiers, and active rather than passive voice to enliven oral presentations 8.3.4 use appropriate grammar, word choice, enunciation and pacing during formal presentations 8.3.5 use audience feedback (verbal and non-verbal cues) to reconsider and modify organizational structure/plan rearrange words and sentences to clarify meaning
4. Analysis & Evaluation of Oral and Media Communications	4. Analysis & Evaluation of Oral and Media Communications	4. Analysis & Evaluation of Oral and Media Communications
 6.4.1 analyze the use of rhetorical devices for their intent and effects (cadence, repetitive patterns, use of onomatopoeia) 6.4.2 identify persuasive and propaganda techniques used in television and identify false and misleading information 	 7.4.1 provide feedback to speakers concerning the coherence and logic of the speech content and delivery, and its overall impact upon listener(s) 7.4.2 analyze the effect of images, text and sound in electronic journalism on the viewer, 	 8.4.1 evaluate the credibility of the speaker (e.g., hidden agendas, slanted or biased material) 8.4.2 interpret and evaluate the various ways visual image makers (graphic artists, illustrators, news photographers) represent meaning

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	distinguishing the techniques used in each to achieve these effects	