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ORAL AND WRITTEN ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS – Oral and Written English Language Conventions

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Students write and speak with a command of standard English conventions.	Students write and speak with a command of standard English conventions.	Students write and speak with a command of standard English conventions.
1. Grammar	1. Grammar	1. Grammar
6.1.1 identify and correctly use present perfect, past perfect, and future perfect tense, subject-verb agreement with compound subjects, and indefinite pronouns	 7.1.1 identify and correctly use infinitives and participles and clear pronoun/antecedent reference 7.2.1 identify all parts of speech types and structure of sentences mechanics (e.g., quotations, commas at end of dependent clause) usage (pronoun reference) 	8.1.1 edit written manuscripts to demonstrate control of grammar
2. Sentence Structure	2. Sentence Structure	2. Sentence Structure
6.2.1 use simple, compound and compound- complex sentences; use effective coordination and subordination of ideas to express complete thoughts	7.2.1 use properly placed modifiers and the active voice	8.2.1 use correct and varied sentence types and sentence openings to reinforce the presentation of a lively and effective personal style 8.2.2 identify and use parallel structures in all written discourse, including similar grammatical forms to present items in a series, complements and items juxtaposed for emphasis
		8.2.3 use subordination, coordination, apposition and other devices to indicate the relationship between ideas clearly
3. Punctuation	3. Punctuation	3. Punctuation and Capitalization
6.3.1 use colons in business letters, semi-	7.3.1 identify and correctly use hyphen dash,	8.3.1 use correct punctuation and

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colons to connect independent clauses, and commas when linking two clauses with a conjunction in compound	brackets and semi-colon between two clauses of a compound sentence not joined by a conjunction	capitalization
4. Capitalization	4. Capitalization	
6.4.1 use correct capitalization	7.4.1 use correct capitalization	
5. Spelling	5. Spelling	4. Spelling
6.5.1 spell frequently misspelled words correctly (e.g., their, they're, there)	7.5.1 spell derivatives correctly by applying the spellings of bases and affixes	8.4.1 spell correctly