

+Marsh Valley School District
Quick Reference Curriculum Guide-7th Grade Writing/Language Usage
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Skills are identified with Introduced (I), Practiced (P), Mastered (M), Reinforced ®)

Composition Structure

- * □ Write using a variety of sentence lengths (P) 735.02.c
- * □ Apply knowledge of a variety of sentence structures, including parallel structure (I) 735.02.c
- * □ Write using a variety of sentence beginnings(P) 735.02.c
- * □ Write formal and informal letters (P) 735.02.c
- * □ Address an envelope (P) 735.02.c
- * □ Recognize and use thesis statement (M) 735.05.b
- * □ Write an organized paragraph with a topic sentence (M) 735.02.c
- * □ Write an effective introductory paragraph (M) 735.02.c
- * □ Sequence ideas in logical order (P) 735.02.c
- * □ Write a clear concluding paragraph (M)) 735.02.c
- * □ Create paragraphs with topic sentences, supporting details, and conclusions (M) 735.02.c
- * □ Write original creative works for self expression (P)735.02.c
- * □ Include figurative language in written words (P) 735.02.c
- * □ Use appropriate voice/tone/diction/mood/sentence structure (P)735.02.c
- * □ Use sensory details when writing (P) 735.02.c
- * □ Use phrases and clauses in the writing process (P) 735.02.c
- * □ Write a variety of essays (narrative, expository, descriptive, persuasive) (P) 735.01.a, 03.b
- * □ Write to summarize information correctly (M)) 735.02.c
- * □ Write a uniform composition by adding paragraphs together (introduction-conclusion) (M)735.01.a, 03.b
- * □ Establish / maintain a specific purpose for writing (P)M)735.02.c
- * □ Write in response to a prompt (M)735.02.c
- * □ Compose a narrative/story with setting/characters/events and solutions®735.02.c
- * □ Utilize active-voice (I) 735.02.c
- * □ Use a variety of composition forms: expository, literary response, descriptive, critical analysis (P) 735.01.b

Basic Grammar and Usage

- * □ Recognize, label, and use the parts of speech (M) 735.02.a
- * □ Identify complete subject and predicate (M) 735.02.a
- * □ Recognize and use complete sentences ®)735.02.c
- * □ Write using correct agreement within sentences: gender/number, subject/verb, pronoun/antecedent) (P)735.02.a
- * □ Identify and correctly use irregular verbs (M)735.02.a
- * □ Use adjectives in a sentence correctly (P)735.02.a
- * □ Correctly use adverbs in a sentence (P) 735.02.a
- * □ Eliminate shifts in verb tense (P) 735.02.a
- * □ Write sentences with no fragments or run-ons (P)735.02.a

Capitalization

- * □ Use capital letters correctly ®) 735.02.a

Spelling

- * □ Use correct spelling for words that are appropriate to his/her grade level (P)735.02.a
- * □ Identify common Latin and Greek roots (P) 735.02.a

Punctuation

- * □ Use commas to separate an independent clause and a dependent clause(I)735.02.a
- * □ Use commas to separate phrases (I) 735.02.a
- * □ Use commas with an appositive (P)735.02.a
- * □ Correctly use commas in compound sentences (P)735.02.a
- * □ Use commas with a parenthetical expression (I)735.02.a
- * □ Identify and correctly use hyphens in writing (I)735.02.a
- * □ Identify the correct use of a colon and semicolon (P) 735.02.a
- * □ Use parentheses correctly (I) 735.02.a
- * □ Uses dashes as punctuation appropriately (I)735.02.a
- * □ Use underlining correctly in punctuation (I) 735.02.a
- * □ Use apostrophes in plural possessives (P)735.02.a
- * □ Use quotation marks correctly (M)

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Composing and the Writing Process

- * Generate relevant/researchable questions (P) 735.06.a
- * Quote and cite sources to avoid plagiarism (P) 735.06.a
- * Use outlining to organize information (P)735.06.a
- * Edit writing to correct and improve it (P) 735.06.a
- * Use standardized editing symbols (P)735.06.a
- * Use word choices appropriate to audience/purpose (M) 735.01.c
- * Write a completed essay within a time limit (M) 735.02.c
- * Use effective transition words in written works (P) 735.02.c
- * Gather facts/data to create written works (I) 735.06.a
- * Utilize the MLA Handbook in writing (P)735.06.a
- * Develop the topic with supporting details (P) 735.05.b
- * Utilize the stages of the writing process (P) 735.01.a & 03.b
- * Paraphrase material gathered from text/media as a part of a written work (P)735.06.a
- * Submit written works that require little or no editing (P)735.02.a
- * Revise writing to eliminate extraneous information (P) 735.01.a & 03.b