

Billings Public Schools English Language Arts
Grade 9 Core Requirements

UPDATED LANGUAGE STANDARDS GRADE 9

Both Semesters:

- study vocabulary for context, reference and academic understanding
- apply standard English grammar and conventions
- write and edit work to conform to the guidelines in a style manual (e.g. MLA)

Semester One

- review figures of speech
- review parts of speech
 - adjective and adverb
 - misplaced and dangling modifiers
 - pronouns (identification, person and number)
- use of parallel structure
- capitalization

Semester Two

- use semicolons and colons
- active and passive voice
- comma splices and run-on sentences
- pronoun-antecedent agreement
- fragments
- verb (form, tense, and agreement)