

## **Key Action 2: LITERACY**

Students will be able to wisely execute the power to effectively **Read**, **Write**, and **Communicate** within a pervasive school-wide culture of literacy that cultivates scholarship, insight, and influence.

Students will strive	Teachers and staff will:
to be:	
Articulate & Effective SPEAKERS,	Prepare students for their future by providing multiple opportunities to engage in the Language of Opportunity, insisting on verbal communication that includes  1. Correct grammatical format, 2. Complete Sentences, and 3. Voice.  Teach Like a Champion: "Format Matters"
	Teach students to see different perspectives, build ideas, and solve problems by engaging in  Academic Conversations where students  1. Elaborate & clarify, 2. Support ideas with evidence, 3. Build on and/or challenge ideas, 4. Paraphrase, and 5. Synthesize.  Academic Conversations, Zwiers & Crawford AVID Teaching & Learning Methodology: "Collaboration"
	Furnish students with opportunities to hone and showcase their oral communication skills in co- and extra-curricular activities such as <b>Debate Team</b> , <b>Poetry Slam</b> , and <b>MLK Oratory Contest</b> .
Enthusiastic & Voracious Critical READERS, and	Make oral reading productive & accountable by Controlling the Game (intentionally managing student reading) throughout the flow of the lesson, ensuring students read with fluency, prosody, and understanding.  Teach Like a Champion: "Control the Game"  Build a community of readers through a school-wide read (One Book, One School), advancing a culture of reading, dialogue, and action about issues important to our community.  American Library Association Read to Them Association for Middle Level Education  Furnish students with opportunities to accelerate the sheer volume of words they read of their
Expressive & Eloquent WRITERS with their own Unique Voice.	own choosing by engaging in a school-wide 500 Million Word Challenge.  Teach students The Art of the Sentence so they can add sophistication and complexity to their writing by using a variety of sentence structures at appropriate times.  Teach Like a Champion: "The Art of the Sentence" http://dan.drydog.com/helen/the art of the sentence/  Give students a framework to assess their own writing by developing a school-wide Writing  Rubric differentiated by grade level and content area.  Provide students opportunities, on a weekly basis, to engage with a variety of writing formats appropriate to the discipline and the task, including:  1. Quick Writes, 2. Short Answer Responses, and 3. Cornell Notes.  AVID Teaching & Learning Methodology: "Writing"  Furnish students with opportunities to hone and showcase their written communication skills in
	co- and extra-curricular activities such as campus writing showcases, essay competitions, and literary publications.