

Parent Guide to Grade 9 Standards



MILWAUKEE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

READING

What should my child learn in Grade 9?

Fluency

- Read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at grade level.

Vocabulary

- Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) for clues to the meaning of a word or phrase.
- Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine its precise meaning, its part of speech, or its etymology.
- Verify the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

Comprehension

- Cite evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- Determine a theme or central idea of a text; provide a summary of the text.
- Analyze a point of view or cultural experience reflected in a work of literature from outside the United States.
- Evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and weak reasoning.
- Analyze influential U.S. documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., Washington's Farewell Address, the Gettysburg Address, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech, King's Letter from Birmingham Jail), including how they address related themes and concepts.



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How Can I Help My Child Learn at Home?



- Increase time for conversation at home. Discuss classroom assignments, activities, and homework. Ask your child how he or she is doing in class and how you can help.
- Ask your child about his or her academic goals and career interests. Assist in gathering various sources of information on college and career opportunities.
- Begin to explore colleges and other postsecondary options that are of interest to your child.

The MPS Ambitious Instruction Plan strengthens core instruction and builds a strong foundation across academic areas with a focus on mastery of **reading**, **writing**, and **mathematics** skills.