

Parent Guide to Grade 9 Standards



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WRITING

What should my child learn in Grade 9?

Write Widely and Often

- Write clear and coherent expository, narrative, argumentative, and multi-genre pieces of varying lengths for different purposes and diverse audiences.
- Develop a topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information appropriate to the audience.
- Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from other or opposing claims, and create an organized piece of writing that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims(s), reasons, and evidence.

Research

- Conduct short and more sustained research projects to answer a question or solve a problem; synthesize multiple, credible sources on the subject, demonstrating an understanding of a subject.
- Develop and strengthen writing by planning, editing, revising, extending, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
- Use technology to produce, publish, and update individual or shared compositions, using technology to link other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

Language and Vocabulary

- Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts and across academic subjects to make effective choices for meaning or style.
- Demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.



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How Can I Help My Child Learn at Home?



- Ask your child about his or her academic goals and career interests. Assist in gathering various sources of information on college and career opportunities.
- Set goals and establish written plans for achieving short- and long-term goals. Check on progress periodically and celebrate milestones.
- Begin to explore colleges and other postsecondary options that are of interest to your child.
- Provide opportunities for your child to write for real purposes and audiences (e.g., completing applications and forms).
- Encourage your child to create a resume. There are many free resume-building websites online.

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.

For more information, contact your child's teacher, school leader, or the MPS Office of Academics at (414) 777-7806 or mpsmke.com/academics.