

Mercer County Schools

**PRIORITIZED
CURRICULUM**

Reading/Language Arts
Content Maps
Grade 7

Mercer County Schools



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The Mercer County Schools *Prioritized Curriculum* is composed of West Virginia Content Standards and Objectives that have been identified as "Essential, Important, and Nice to Know." The Essential and Important objectives, which are aligned to the WESTEST, must be learned by the student in order to ensure his/her success. Therefore, the majority of instructional time (90% - 95%) must be devoted to the mastery of these objectives. To assist you with your instructional planning, the *Prioritized Curriculum* is divided into learning units (Content Maps) creating an instructional sequence and estimated time for delivering the intended/learned curriculum.

CONCEPT MAP

English 7

Suggested Sequence:

1. Reading Strategies
2. Writing Strategies
3. Language Mechanics/Usage
4. Literary Elements
5. Literary Experiences/Genre
6. Reference Skills
7. Communication Skills

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS CONCEPT MAP
SEVENTH GRADE

Key Concepts:

Generalize

Evaluate

Infer

Paraphrase

Connotation/Denotation

Estimated days to complete - 20

Topic:

Reading Strategies

CSO's: Essential: 7.1.1; 7.1.4; 7.1.7; 7.1.9; 7.1.11

Important: 7.1.2;7.1.12

Enduring Understanding:

Effective readers use specific strategies to help them better understand what they read.

Essential Question(s):

What helps me make sense of what I read?

Examples:

Short Stories

Poems

Novels

Nonfiction

Key Vocabulary:

Generalize

Evaluate

Infer / Inference

Paraphrase

Denotation

Connotation

Compare

Contrast

Predict

Text Connection

Independent Reading

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS CONCEPT MAP
SEVENTH GRADE

Key Concepts:

Prewriting

**Writing
(Various Types)**

Revise

Edit

Publish

Estimated days to complete - 20

Topic:
Writing Strategies
CSO's: Essential: 7.2.1; 7.2.2; 7.2.5; 7.2.6; 7.2.7;
7.2.9; 7.2.11
Important: 7.2.3; 7.2.4; 7.2.8; 7.2.10; 7.2.12;
7.2.18

Enduring Understanding:
Writing conveys meaning.

Essential Question(s):
What if writing didn't exist?
How can I improve my writing to communicate better?

Examples:

Theme

Short Stories

Poems

Outline

Key Vocabulary:

Writing Process

Prewriting

Revise

Edit

Creative Writing

Informative Writing

Expository Writing

Persuasive Writing

Articles

Essays

Outline

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS CONCEPT MAP
SEVENTH GRADE

Key Concepts:

Estimated days to complete - 35

Key Vocabulary:

Capitalization

Topic:
Language Mechanics/Usage
CSO's: Essential: 7.2.5; 7.2.6; 7.2.7; 7.2.9; 7.2.11;
7.2.12
Important: 7.2.4; 7.2.8; 7.2.10

Parts of Speech

Punctuation

Dialogue

Possessive

Parts of Speech

Enduring Understanding:
Language mechanics/usage enhances written and spoken communication.

Contraction

Colon / Semicolon

Word Usage

Essential Question(s):
What would writing be without capitalization and punctuation?
Why is it important to use words correctly?
What is a complete thought and how do I correctly communicate one?

Hyphen / Dash

Parentheses

Sentence Structure

Examples:

Sentence Writing	Textbook Practice
Editing	Computer Practice

Antecedents

Compound Sentence

Complex Sentence

Appositive

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS CONCEPT MAP
SEVENTH GRADE

Key Concepts:

Estimated days to complete - 20

Key Vocabulary:

Story Elements

Topic:
Literary Elements
CSO's: Essential: 7.1.5; 7.1.6
Important: 7.1.3; 7.1.8

Internal/External Conflict

Author/Reader Purpose

Point of View

Plot / Setting

Figurative Language

Character

Enduring Understanding:

Authors use different literary elements to assist us in uncovering deeper meanings of literature.

Theme

Jargon

Essential Question(s):

How do literary elements enrich my understanding of literature?
How does purpose influence my understanding?

Idioms

Flashback

Examples:

Short Stories

Nonfiction

Stereotype

Foreshadowing

Novel

Propaganda

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS CONCEPT MAP
SEVENTH GRADE

Key Concepts:

Fiction

Nonfiction

Poetry

Estimated days to complete - 25

Topic:
Literary Experiences / Genre
CSO's: Essential: 7.1.1; 7.1.4; 7.1.6; 7.1.7; 7.1.9; 7.1.11
Important: 7.1.2; 7.1.3; 7.1.8

Enduring Understanding:

Great literature, in all its forms, addresses questions and sometimes provides answers about our experiences in life.

Essential Question(s):

Should literature teach you something?
Why read different genre?

Examples:

Novels

Poems

Short Stories

Nonfiction

Key Vocabulary:

Fiction / Nonfiction

Narrative Poem

Ballad

Lyric

Myth / Fantasy

Biography

Autobiography

Science Fiction

Tall Tale / Fable

Supernatural Tale

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS CONCEPT MAP
SEVENTH GRADE

Key Concepts:

Estimated days to complete - 10

Key Vocabulary:

**Resource/Reference
Materials**

Topic:
Reference Skills
CSO's: Essential: 7.1.1; 7.2.14
Important: 7.1.12; 7.1.13; 7.2.13

Glossary

Book Parts

Thesaurus

Multiple Meaning Words

Enduring Understanding:
Identifying important information extends knowledge.

Root Word

Prefix / Suffix

Essential Question(s):
How can I use the resource materials effectively?
How can good study skills help me in school?

Title Page

Copyright Page

Examples:

Reference Books	Internet
Textbook	Handouts

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READING/LANGUAGE ARTS CONCEPT MAP
SEVENTH GRADE

Key Concepts:

Estimated days to complete - 10

Key Vocabulary:

Oral Communication

Topic:
Communication Skills
CSO's: Nice to Know: 7.3.1; 7.3.2; 7.3.3; 7.3.4; 7.3.5

Tone

Listening

Volume

Viewing

Enduring Understanding:
Effective communication skills can improve my life.

Rate

Audience Etiquette

Oral

Essential Question(s):
What happens when we don't listen?
What makes a good speaker?
Is what we view always true?

Audio-Visual

Examples:

Guest Speakers	Dramatizations
Multi-Media	Group Discussion