

**Language Arts – Grade 8
Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn CSD
Grade Level/Course Benchmarks**

By the end of 8th grade students will:

8th Grade Language Arts Standard 1

1. use a variety of strategies to pre-write, draft, revise, edit and publish written work
2. evaluate their own and others writing
3. write a response in literature
4. use journal for self expression

8th Grade Language Arts Standard 2

1. use descriptive language that clarifies and enhances ideas
2. use a variety of sentence structures in correct paragraph form
3. demonstrate the ability to organize ideas in a variety of writing styles
4. use a variety of transitional devices in writing

8th Grade Language Arts Standard 3

1. use parts of speech in written paragraph
2. use correct usage, mechanics, word choice, and sentence structure
3. use conventions of spelling and punctuation in sentences

8th Grade Language Arts Standard 5

1. demonstrate use of pre-reading skills to understand literature
2. reflect on what has been learned after reading
3. identify author's purpose in literature
4. identify author's point of view

8th Grade Language Arts Standard 6

1. understand that people respond differently to literature
2. identify the main and subordinate characters in literature
3. recognize the use of specific literary services (e.g. fore shadowing and flashback)

8th Grade Language Arts Standard 7

1. read for a variety of purposes including to answer a specific question, to form an opinion, and to skim for facts
2. recognize when information presented in a text is new knowledge

8th Grade Language Arts Standard 9

1. demonstrate competency in skills that lead to effective listening