

Grade 7	WRITING		
	Developing Written Communications		
7.4.1	Organize written works using prewriting techniques, discussions, graphic organizers, models, and outlines.		
7.4.2	Use complete sentences in a variety of types: simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex.		
7.4.3	Create multiple-paragraph compositions that include a central idea with supporting details and use appropriate transitions between paragraphs.		
7.4.4	Use grammatical conventions of written Standard American English, including the reinforcement of conventions previously taught. (See <i>Instructional Appendix: Composite Writing Matrix.</i>)		
7.4.5	Revise writing to improve clarity, tone, voice, content, and the development of ideas. (See <i>Instructional Appendix: Composite Writing Matrix.</i>)		
7.4.6	Edit for the correct use of written Standard American English, including ellipses and parentheses. (See <i>Instructional Appendix: Composite Writing Matrix.</i>)		
7.4.7	Spell correctly using Standard American English		
	Producing Written Communications in a Variety of Forms		
7.5.1	Create informational pieces (for example, books, movies, product reviews, and news reports that use language appropriate for a specific audience.		
7.5.2	Create narratives (for example, personal essays or narrative poems) that communicate the significance of an issue of personal importance and use language appropriate for the purpose and the audience.		
7.5.3	Create descriptions for use in other modes of written works (for example, narrative, expository, or persuasive).		
7.5.4	Create persuasive pieces (for example, letters to the editor or essays) that include a stated position with supporting evidence for a specific audience.		
	Applying the Skills of Inquiry and Oral Communication		
7.6.1	Clarify and refine a research topic.		
7.6.2	Use direct quotations, paraphrasing, or summaries to incorporate into oral or written works the information gathered from a variety of research sources.		

7.6.3	Use a standardized system of documentation (including a list of sources with full publication information and the use of in-text citations) to properly credit the work of others.		
7.6.4	Use vocabulary (including Standard American English) that is appropriate for the particular audience or purpose.		
7.6.5	Use appropriate organizational strategies to prepare written works, oral and auditory presentations, and visual presentations.		
7.6.6	Select appropriate graphics, in print or electronic form, to support written works and oral and visual presentations.		
7.6.7	Use a variety of print and electronic reference materials.		
7.6.8	Design and carry out research projects by selecting a topic, constructing inquiry questions, accessing resources, and organizing information.		