

**MSAD #54 ELA Curriculum**

Content Area: English Language Arts  
 Unit: Reading

Grade: Grade 7  
 MLR Span: 6 - 8

MLR Content Standard: **A. READING**

\*Assessments

<b>Reading:</b>	<b>MLR Performance Indicators 6-8</b>	<b>MSAD #54 Objectives</b>	<b>Instructional Resources/Activities</b>
<b>Reading Process</b>	<p>1.Students read and make generalizations from texts, within a grade appropriate span of text complexity, (L) by applying their knowledge and strategies of comprehension, vocabulary, alphabetic, and fluency.</p> <p>a.Use a range of before, during, and after reading strategies to deepen their understanding of the author’s message.</p>	<p>Students will use among others:  <b>*See Appendix A for the Before, During, and After Reading Process Skills.</b></p> <p><b><u>Literacy Strategies</u></b>                      a1. <u>Before reading/learning:</u>                      Knowledge Rating Guide                      Think-Pair-Share                      Interactive Word Walls/Word Sorts                      Anticipation/Reaction Guide</p> <p>a2. <u>During reading/learning:</u>                      Knowledge Rating Guide                      Think-Pair-Share                      Interactive Word Walls/Word Sorts                      Triple Entry Vocabulary Journal</p> <p>a3. <u>After reading/learning:</u>                      Knowledge Rating Guide                      Think-Pair-Share                      Interactive Word Walls/Word Sorts</p> <p>Sum It Up                      RAFT</p>	<p>a1-c2. <i>I Read It But I Don’t Get It: Comprehension strategies for adolescent readers.</i> Tovani, C. 2000 (Stenhouse)</p> <p>a1. Power Practice Reading Skills 7-8</p> <p>a1. <i>Classroom Strategies for Interactive Learning</i> (ISBN: 0872072843)</p> <p>a1. <i>50 Reproducible Strategy Sheets That Build Comprehension During Independent Reading</i></p> <p>al-a3. Team Literacy Binder</p> <p>a1-a3. Use Literacy Team members as support</p> <p>a1-a3. Resources from Literacy Specialists</p>

<p><b>Vocabulary Strategies</b></p> <p>*NWEA Reading: Unknown Words</p>	<p><b>a. Identify the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary.</b></p> <p><b>b. Shows breadth of vocabulary knowledge through demonstrating understanding of word meanings and relationships by...</b></p> <p><b>c. Fluently and accurately read text, within a grade appropriate span of text complexity, using appropriate pacing, phrasing, intonation, and expression.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Vocabulary</u></b> Students will</p> <p><b>a. use strategies to unlock meaning (e.g., knowledge of word structure, including prefixes/suffixes, base words, <u>common roots, or word origins</u>; or context clues; or other resources, such as, dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses; or prior knowledge.) (R-7-2.1)</b></p> <p><b>a1. learn and use at least the following set of word parts: bio, chron, geo, hydr, phobia, therm, ped, dent/don't, chrome, flex</b> <b>Prefixes: im/in, ex, mono, non, post, pre, semi, thans, auro, re</b> <b>Suffixes: ev-noun, er-adj. or adv., ment, ness, est, s, ism, ed, able, ology, word</b></p> <p><b>b1. identify synonyms, antonyms, homonyms/homophones or shades of meaning. (R-7-3.1)</b></p> <p><b>b3...recognize and complete analogies. EXAMPLE: map: locate as recipe: cook (R-7-3.1)</b></p> <p><b><u>Reading Fluency</u></b> Students will</p> <p>c1. continue to use prior concepts and skills to fluently and accurately read text using appropriate pacing, phrasing, intonation and expression.</p> <p><b>*See suggested Reading Fluency Rates in Appendix B.</b></p>	<p>a1. Interactive Word Walls</p> <p>a1. <i>Be A Better Reader</i></p> <p>a1. <i>Reading Reminders</i> (ISBN 0867095008)</p> <p>a1. Glencoe <i>Writer's Choice</i> (red or green)</p> <p>a1. Scholastic Writing Series (ISBN 0-590-2-9329)</p> <p>a1. <i>Scope Magazine</i></p> <p>a1. <i>Reading Teacher's Vocabulary Book of Lists</i></p> <p>b1. <i>Write Source</i> (ISBN 0-669-50706-8)</p> <p>b1. <i>Reading Teacher's Vocabulary Book of Lists</i></p> <p>b2. <i>Scope Magazine, Read,</i> other student publications.</p> <p>b2. Glencoe Literature <i>Reader's Choice</i></p> <p>c1. Glencoe Literature <i>Reader's Choice</i> (red and green)</p> <p>c1. Trade books, novels</p> <p>c1. Various reading materials</p> <p>c1. <i>Scope Magazine</i></p> <p>c1. <i>Reader's Theater</i></p>
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<p>“Short Story” Common Assessments</p>	<p>determine how each event explains past or present action or foreshadows future action.</p> <p>d. Contrast points of view including first person, third person, limited and omniscient in a literacy text.</p> <p><b>e. Identify elements of setting and determine changes over time. (R-7-4.1)</b></p> <p><b>f. Make inferences about cause/effect (e.g., explaining how an event gives rise to the next), <u>internal</u> or external conflicts (e.g., <u>person versus self</u>, person versus person, person versus nature/society/fate), or the relationship among elements within text. (R-7-5.3)</b></p> <p>g. Compare how similar themes are presented in different works.</p>	<p>c2. identify literary devices in passages (i.e. dialogue)</p> <p><b>c3. identify and describe rising action, climax, and falling action. (R-7-4.1)</b></p> <p>d1. identify and explain the difference between first- and third-person narration and omniscient point of view</p> <p>d2. determine from whose point of view the story is told</p> <p><b>d3. explain how the narrator’s point of view affects the reader’s interpretation (R-8-5.4)</b></p> <p><b>e1. identify elements of time and place.</b></p> <p><b>e2. determine changes over time.</b></p> <p><b>e3. determine significance of the setting to the story.</b></p> <p><b>f1. make inferences about cause/effect (e.g., explaining how an event gives rise to the next), <u>internal</u> or external conflicts (e.g., <u>person versus self</u>, person versus person, person versus nature/society/fate), or the relationship among elements within text. (R-7-5.3)</b></p> <p>g1. identify stated or implied theme</p> <p>g2. compare how universal</p>	<p>(Stenhouse)</p> <p>a1-i1. <i>Teaching for Comprehension and Fluency</i> Fountas and Pinnell (ISBN: 0-325-00308-4)</p> <p>a1-i1. <i>Teaching Literary Elements</i> (Prentice Hall)</p> <p>a1-i1. <i>Teaching Literary Elements</i> (ISBN: 0590209450)</p>
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	<p><b>h.Analyze and interpret author’s craft, citing evidence where appropriate. (R-7-6)</b></p> <p>i. Identify how meaning is conveyed in poetry through word choice, sentence structure, line length, and punctuation.</p>	<p>themes are presented in different works.</p> <p><b>g3.explain how the author’s message or theme is supported within the text. (R-7-5.5)</b></p> <p><b>h1.demonstrate knowledge of use of literary elements and devices (i.e., imagery, exaggeration, <u>repetition</u>, <u>flashback</u>, foreshadowing, <u>personification</u>) to analyze literary works. (R-7-6.1)</b>  <b>EXAMPLE: Why did the author choose to use flashback in this story?</b></p> <p><b>h2.identify figurative language and analyze its effect on the meaning.</b></p>	
<p><b>A3 Informational Texts</b></p> <p><b>Analysis and Interpretation of Informational Texts/Citing Evidence</b></p> <p>*NWEA Informational Texts: Parts/Structures</p>	<p><b>3.Students have ongoing opportunities to apply and practice reading strategies with many different types of INFORMATIONAL texts (expository and practical texts across content areas). Recognizing a variety of informational texts and their characteristics will help students in meeting grade level expectations</b></p>		<p>a1-e1. <i>Invitations: Changing as Teachers and Learners, K-12</i> (Heinemann ISBN: 978-0-435-08836-1)</p> <p>a1-e1. <i>Reading Essentials: The specifics you need to teach reading well.</i> Routman, R. (Heinemann ISBN: 0-325-00492-7)</p> <p>a1-e1. <i>Mosaic of Thought: Teaching comprehension in a reader’s workshop.</i> (Heinemann ISBN: 0-435-07237-4)</p>

<p>*NWEA Reading Informational Texts: Interpretation</p>	<p><b>described in the NECAP GLEs. See Appendix B.</b></p> <p>a.Create and revise questions that can be answered by using text structures and information found within texts.</p>	<p>Students will</p> <p>a1. be aware of organizational features including table of contents, index, headings, subheadings, footnotes, etc, within narrative nonfiction</p> <p><b>a2.use information from the text to answer questions, <u>state the main/central ideas, or to provide supporting details.</u> (R-7-7.2)</b></p> <p><b>a3.obtain information from text features (e.g., table of contents, glossary, index, transition words/phrases, <u>transitional devices</u>, bold or italicized text, headings, subheadings, graphic organizers, charts, graphs, or illustrations)</b></p>	<p>a1-e1. <i>I Read It But I Don't Get It: Comprehension strategies for adolescent readers</i> Tovani, C. 2000 (Stenhouse)</p> <p>a1-e1. <i>Nonfiction In Focus: A comprehensive framework for helping students become independent readers and writers of nonfiction</i> Kristo &amp; Bramford (Scholastic Item #NTS93658)</p>
<p>*NWA Reading: Interpret &amp; Evaluate</p>	<p>b.Analyze the amount of coverage and organization of ideas in varied informational materials.</p> <p>c.Draw conclusions about a text, and support them with evidence from the text.</p>	<p>b1.will survey and discuss each of their content area texts noting the organization of the ideas.</p> <p><b>b2.explain connections about information <i>within</i> a text, <i>across</i> texts, or to related ideas. (R-7-8.1)</b></p> <p><b>b3.synthesize and evaluate information within or across text(s) (e.g., constructing appropriate titles; or formulating assertions or controlling ideas). (R-7-8.2)</b></p> <p>c1. draw conclusions about a text, and support them with evidence from the text.</p> <p><b>c2.draw inferences about text,</b></p>	<p>a1-e1. <i>Making Facts Come Alive: Choosing quality nonfiction literature, K-8.</i> Bamford, R. &amp; Kristo, J. 1998 (Christopher Gordon Publishers ISBN: 1-929024-51-7)</p> <p>a1-e1. <i>Checking Out Nonfiction K-8: Good choices for best learning.</i> Bamford, R. &amp; Kristo, K. (Christopher Gordon Publishers ISBN: 1-929024-02-9)</p> <p>a1-e1.Use a wide variety of text to illustrate the process of using text parts.</p> <p>a1-e1. Use content area texts</p> <p>c1.Routinely require students to find evidence in text to support their conclusions.</p> <p>d1. Use common informational articles for assignment.</p> <p>e1. Use developed list of directories.</p>

	<p>d.Compare information on the same topic in several passages or articles from different texts.</p> <p>e.Explain how to use a simple mechanical device by following directions in a technical manual.</p>	<p><b>including author’s purpose (e.g., to inform, explain, entertain, persuade) or message; <u>or using supporting evidence to form or evaluate opinions/judgments and assertions about the central ideas that are relevant.</u></b>  <b>EXAMPLE (of evaluation):</b>  <b>Given a statement (opinion, judgment, or assertion), students provide evidence from the text that this statement does/does not support the author’s purpose in writing the piece. (R-7-8.3)</b></p> <p><b>c3.distinguish fact from opinion, and identify possible bias/propaganda or <u>conflicting information within or across texts.</u> (R-7-8.4)</b></p> <p><b>c4.make inferences about causes or effects. (R-7-8.5)</b></p> <p>d1.read several passages on the same topic from different sources and write a short comparison/contrast essay.</p> <p><b>d2.organize information to show understanding (e.g., representing main/central ideas of details within text through charting, mapping, paraphrasing, summarizing, or comparing/contrasting). (R-7-7.2)</b></p> <p>e1. explain how to use a simple mechanical device by following directions in a technical manual.</p>	
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<p><b>A4 Persuasive Texts</b></p>	<p>4.Students evaluate the information in persuasive texts, within a grade appropriate span of text complexity, noting how the text structures and rhetorical devices affect the information and arguments presented in these texts.</p>	<p>Students will</p>	
<p>*NWEA Reading: Interpret &amp; Evaluate</p>	<p>a.Recognize organizational patterns of propositional/support and problem/solution to aid in comprehension.</p>	<p>a1. recognize organizational patterns of propositional/support and problem/solution to aid in comprehension.</p>	<p>a1-e1. <i>Write Source</i> p. 256-303</p>
<p>NWEA Informational Texts: Interpretation</p>	<p>b. Identify and use ways to detect bias.</p> <p><b>c. Draw inferences about text, including author's purpose (e.g., to inform, explain, entertain, persuade) or message; or use supporting evidence to for or evaluate opinions/judgments and assertions about the central ideas that are relevant.</b>  <b>Example: Given a statement (opinion, judgment, or assertion), students provide evidence from the text that this statement does/does not support the author's purpose in</b></p>	<p>b1. identify and use ways to detect bias.</p> <p><b>c1. draw inferences about text, including author's purpose (e.g., to inform, explain, entertain, persuade) or message; or use supporting evidence to for or evaluate opinions/judgments and assertions about the central ideas that are relevant.</b>  <b>Example: Given a statement (opinion, judgment, or assertion), students provide evidence from the text that this statement does/does not support the author's purpose in writing the piece. (R-7-8.3)</b></p>	<p>a1-e1. Glencoe <i>Writer's Choice</i> (ISBN: 0-07-822654-6)</p>



	<p><b>writing the piece. (R-7-8.3)</b></p> <p><b>d.Distinguish fact from opinion, and identify possible bias/propaganda or conflicting information within or across texts. (R-7-8.4)</b></p> <p><b>e.Make inferences about causes and effects. (R-7-8.5)</b></p>	<p><b>d1.distinguish fact from opinion, and identify possible bias/propaganda or conflicting information within or across texts. (R-7-8.4)</b></p> <p><b>e1.make inferences about causes and effects. (R-7-8.5)</b></p>	
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Content Area: English Language Arts  
Unit: Writing

Grade: Grade 7  
MLR Span: 6 - 8

**MLR Content Standard: B. WRITING**

Students write to express their ideas and emotions, to describe their experiences, to communicate information, and to present or analyze an argument.

Writing	MLR Performance Indicators 6-8	MSAD #54 Objectives	Instructional Resources/Activities
<b>B1 Interconnected Elements</b>	<p>1. Students use a writing process to communicate for a variety of audiences and purposes.</p> <p>a. Determine a purpose for writing.</p> <p>b. Decide which information to include to achieve the desired purpose.</p> <p>c. Revise drafts to improve focus and effect and voice, incorporating when appropriate peer feedback.</p> <p>d. Edit for grammar, usage, and mechanics.</p> <p>e. Create writing to achieve a specific purpose. (L)</p> <p>f. Create legible final drafts.</p>	<p><b><u>Writing Process</u></b> Students will</p> <p>a1. select a topic to explain a process</p> <p>b1. decide which information to include to achieve the desired purpose</p> <p>c1. revise drafts incorporating peer and teacher feedback</p> <p>d1. edit for correct grammar, usage and mechanics</p> <p>e1. produce a final product that demonstrates completion of the standard (meets criteria of “You’re the Expert” rubric)</p>	<p>a1-f1. Glencoe <i>Writer’s Choice</i></p> <p>a1-f1. <i>Nonfiction In Focus: A comprehensive framework for helping students become independent readers and writers of nonfiction.</i> Kristo &amp; Bamford (Scholastic Item # NTS93658)</p> <p>a1-f1. <i>Writing Workshop: The essential guide.</i> Fletcher, R. &amp; Portalopi 2001 (Heinemann ISBN: 978-0325-00362-7)</p> <p>a1-f1. <i>Writing Essentials: Raising expectations and results while simplifying teaching</i> Routman, R. 2005 (Heinemann ISBN: 978-0-325-00601-7)</p> <p>a1-f1. <i>In The Middle: New understanding about Writing, Reading, and Learning.</i> Atwell, N. (Heinemann ISBN: 978-0-86709-374-2)</p> <p>a1-f1. <i>Write Traits Format Write Source 8</i> (ISBN: 0669507067)</p>

			<p>a1-f1. <i>Lessons That Change Writers</i> Atwell, N. (ISBN: 0-86709-506-7)</p> <p>a1-f1. “How To” paper- “<i>You’re The Expert</i>”</p> <p>a1-f1. “<i>You’re the Expert</i>” Unit Including: sample student “anchor” papers</p> <p>a1-f1. graphic organizers</p> <p>a1-f1. <i>6+1 Traits of Writing</i> (ISBN: 0439280389)</p>
<hr/> <p><b>B2 Narrative</b></p>	<hr/> <p>2.Students write narratives that convey complex ideas, observations, events, or reflections.</p> <p>a.Establish a plot (or other narrative structure), point of view, setting, and conflict.</p> <p>b.Develop characters.</p> <p>c.Use a range of narrative strategies for effect.</p> <p>d.Use stylistic devices to clarify, enhance and develop ideas.</p>	<hr/> <p><b><u>Narrative</u></b></p> <p>See 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum</p> <p>Students will:</p> <p>Grade 8</p> <p>c1. write narrative in content areas</p> <p>d1. use stylistic devices to clarify, enhance and develop ideas.</p>	<hr/> <p>a1-d1.Glencoe <i>Writer’s Choice</i></p> <p>a1-d1. <i>Write Source, Grade 7</i></p> <p>c1-d1. Expansion of content area topics.</p>
<hr/> <p><b>B3 Argument/Analysis Expository</b></p>	<hr/> <p>3.Students write academic essays that state a clear position, supporting the position with relevant evidence.</p>	<hr/> <p><b><u>Expository/Informational</u></b></p> <p>Students will</p>	<hr/> <p>a1-b1. <i>Write Source</i></p> <p>a1-b1. Glencoe <i>Writer’s Choice</i> (red and green)</p>

	<p>a. Summarize and paraphrase and/or explain information from reading, listening, or viewing.</p> <p>b. Write thesis-driven essays that build a logical argument excluding extraneous information and differentiating between facts and opinions.</p>	<p>a1. formulate questions that they have and want to have answered based on what they have read</p> <p>a2. summarize information</p> <p>b1. write thesis-driven essays that build a logical argument excluding extraneous information and differentiating between facts and opinions.</p> <p>b2. document resources used using MLA format</p>	<p>a1-a2. <i>Teaching for Comprehension and Fluency</i>. Fountas and Pinnell (ISBN: 0-325-003084)</p> <p>a1-b2. <i>Glencoe Literature Reader's Choice, Grade 7</i></p> <p>a1-b2. <i>Scope Magazine</i></p> <p>a1-b2. <i>Library</i></p> <p>a1-b2. <i>Internet</i></p> <p>a1-b1. <i>MLA format</i></p> <p>a1-b1. <i>Journal Activities That Sharpen Students Writing</i> (ISBN: 0439280389)</p> <p>1a-b. <i>6+1 Traits of Writing</i> (ISBN: 0439280389)</p>
<b>B4 Persuasive Expository</b>	<p>4. Students write persuasive essays addressed to a specific audience for a particular purpose.</p> <p>a. Employ a variety of persuasive techniques, including presenting alternate views objectively or addressing potential counterclaims in a thesis-driven essay to influence the opinion, belief, or position of others.</p>	<p>See 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum</p>	
<b>B5 Practical Application</b>	<p>5. Students write documents related to career development and simple business</p>	<p>Students will</p>	

<p>* You're the Expert common assessment</p>	<p>letters and job applications.</p> <p>a.Present information purposefully and succinctly to meet the needs of the audience.</p> <p>b.Convey specific requests for detailed information.</p> <p>c.Follow a conventional format such as for resumes, memoranda, and proposals.</p> <p>d.Write multiple step directions with annotation where appropriate for completing a task.</p>	<p>a1. complete Pathways brochure</p> <p>b1. write a letter asking for specific information.</p> <p>c1. complete Pathways requirements.</p> <p>d1.complete <i>You're the Expert</i> activity-common classroom assessment</p>	<p>b1.Complete during letter writing unit.</p> <p>b1. <i>Write Source, Gr. 7</i></p>
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## MSAD #54 ELA Curriculum

Content Area: English Language Arts  
Unit: Research

Grade: Grade 7  
MLR Span: 6 - 8

### MLR Content Standard: **C. RESEARCH**

Students engage in inquiry by developing research questions, addressing and verifying a variety of sources, communicating findings, and applying the conventions of documentation. Students present findings orally, in writing, or using mixed media.

Research	MLR Performance Indicators 6-8	MSAD #54 Objectives	Instructional Resources/Activities
<b>C1 Research</b>	<p>1. Students propose and revise research questions, collect information from a wide variety of primary and/or secondary sources and follow the conventions of documentation to communicate findings.</p> <p>a. Determine the nature and extent of information needed.</p> <p>b. Locate and access relevant information.</p> <p>c. Demonstrate facility with note-taking, organizing information, and creating bibliographies.</p> <p>d. Distinguish between primary and secondary sources.</p> <p>e. Evaluate and verify the credibility of the information found in print and non-print sources.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Research</u></b> Students will</p> <p>a1. determine the nature and extent of information needed.</p> <p>b1. collect information from primary and secondary sources</p> <p>c1. demonstrate facility with note-taking, organizing information, and creating bibliographies.</p> <p>d1. distinguish between primary and secondary sources.</p> <p>e1. evaluate and verify the credibility of the information found in print and non-print sources.</p>	<p>a1-i1. Glencoe <i>Writer's Choice</i> (green and red)</p> <p>a1-i1. <i>Write Source, Gr. 7</i></p> <p>a1-i1. Library</p> <p>a1-i1. Internet</p> <p>a1-i1. MLA format</p> <p>e1. <i>Write Source, Gr. 7</i></p>

	<p>f. Use additional sources to resolve contradictory information.</p> <p>g. Summarize and interpret information presented in various sources, and/or from fieldwork, experiments, and interviews.</p> <p>h. Present findings paraphrasing and quoting sources, and using proper citation.</p> <p>i. Use information ethically and legally.</p>	<p>e2. use the Critical Evaluation of Website Checklist to evaluate websites and the information contained on them.</p> <p>f1. use additional sources to resolve contradictory information.</p> <p>g1. summarize and interpret information presented in various sources, and/or from fieldwork, experiments, and interviews.</p> <p>h1. summarize and paraphrase information and use MLA format to cite sources.</p> <p>i1. document resources used using MLA format</p>	<p>e2. <i>Critical Evaluation of Website Checklist</i> Skowhegan 21 Century Skills for Model Lessons created for 21<sup>st</sup> Century</p> <p>h1. <i>Write Source, Gr. 7</i></p> <p>h1. MLA format</p> <p>i1. MLA format</p>
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Content Area: English Language Arts  
Unit: Language

Grade: Grade 7  
MLR Span: 6 - 8

### MLR Content Standard: **D.LANGUAGE**

Students write and speak using the conventions of *Standard American English*. They apply knowledge of grammar and usage when reading to aid comprehension. They know and apply rules of mechanics and spelling to enhance the effectiveness and clarity of communication.

Language	MLR Performance Indicators 6-8	MSAD #54 Objectives	Instructional Resources/Activities
<b>D1 Grammar and Usage</b>	<p>1. Students manipulate the parts of speech effectively and employ a variety of sentence structures to express themselves.</p> <p>a. Use forms of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives and their modifiers, adverbs, prepositions, transitions, conjunctions and interjections correctly.</p> <p>b. Use compound complex sentences.</p> <p>c. Use active and passive voices effectively.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Grammar and Usage</u></b></p> <p>Students will</p> <p>a1. use verb forms correctly</p> <p>a2. use modifiers (adjectives and adverbs) and pronouns correctly</p> <p>a3. use transitions and conjunctions to connect ideas</p> <p>a4. be introduced to prepositions and prepositional phrases</p> <p>a5. use interjections</p> <p>b1. use compound complex sentences.</p> <p>c1. use active and passive voices effectively.</p>	<p>a1-a5. School House Rock video</p> <p>a1-a5. Mad Libs</p> <p>a1-c1. Glencoe <i>Writer's Choice, Gr. 7</i></p> <p>a1-c1. <i>Lessons That Change Writers</i> Atwell, N. (ISBN: 978-0-86709-506-7)</p> <p>a1-c1. <i>Writing Workshop: The essential guide</i>. Fletcher, R. &amp; Portalopi 2001 (Heinemann ISBN: 978-0-325-00362-7)</p> <p>a1-c1. <i>Writing Essentials: Raising expectations and results while simplifying teaching</i>. Routman, R. 2005 (Heinemann ISBN: 978-0-325-00601-7)</p> <p>a1-c1. <i>In The Middle: New understanding about Writing, Reading, and Learning</i>. Atwell, N. (Heinemann ISBN: 978-0-86709-374-2)</p>



<p><b>D2 Mechanics</b></p>	<p>2.Students apply the rules of capitalization, punctuation and spelling to communicate effectively.</p> <p>a.Use correct capitalization and punctuation to include commas and semi-colons.</p> <p>b.Correctly spell frequently misspelled words and common homophones.</p>	<p><b><u>Mechanics</u></b> Students will</p> <p>a1. use correct capitalization</p> <p>a2. spell roots, suffixes, prefixes, contractions and syllable constructions correctly</p> <p>b1. correctly spell frequently misspelled words and common homophones to, two, too there, their, they're accept, except weight, wait brake, break capital, capitol your, you're it's, its here, hear no, know new, knew quiet, quite, quit one, won</p>	<p>a1-c1. <i>Write Source: A Book for Writing, Thinking and Learning.</i></p> <p>a1-b1. Glencoe <i>Writer's Choice</i> (red and green)</p> <p>a1-b1. <i>Write Source, Gr. 7</i></p> <p>a1-b1. <i>Lessons That Change Writers</i> Atwell, N. (ISBN: 978-0-86709-506-7)</p> <p>b1. <i>Words! Words! Words!</i> (ISBN: 566440874)</p>
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## MSAD #54 ELA Curriculum

Content Area: English Language Arts  
Unit: Listening and Speaking

Grade: Grade 7  
MLR Span: 6 - 8

### MLR Content Standard: **E1. LISTENING**

Students listen to comprehend spoken information and speak to communicate information effectively.

Listening & Speaking	MLR Performance Indicators 6-8	MSAD #54 Objectives	Instructional Resources/Activities
<b>E1 Listening</b>	<p>1. Students adjust listening strategies to understand formal and informal discussion, debates or presentations, and then apply the information.</p> <p>a. Ask appropriate clarifying questions.</p> <p>b. Summarize and apply information presented.</p> <p>c. Acknowledge and build upon the ideas of others.</p>	<p><b><u>Listening</u></b> Students will</p> <p>a1. listen attentively and take notes</p> <p>b1. summarize and paraphrase information presented orally</p> <p>c1. participate in group discussions</p>	<p>a1-c1. teacher directive</p> <p>a1-c1. formulate questions from reading material to share in their groups</p> <p>a1-c1. PCG</p> <p>a1-c1. <i>Writer's Choice, Gr.7</i></p>
<b>E2 Speaking</b>	<p>2. Students adjust speaking strategies for formal and informal discussions, debates or presentations appropriate to the audience and purpose.</p> <p>a. Organize and present information logically.</p> <p>b. Adjust volume, tone, eye contact, and gestures to suit the</p>	<p><b><u>Speaking</u></b> Students will</p> <p>a1. organize and present information logically.</p> <p>b1. make oral presentations using tone and gestures to suit the context, (i.e. poems, reader's</p>	<p>b1-e1. choral reading</p> <p>b1-e1. poetry assignments</p>

<p><i>*You're the Expert</i></p>	<p>audience.</p> <p>c. Use conventions of <i>Standard American English</i>.</p> <p>d. Seek feedback and revise to improve effectiveness of communication.</p> <p>e. Select appropriate media, relevant to audience and purpose, that extend and supports oral, written, and visual communication.</p>	<p>theater )</p> <p>c1. use conventions of <i>Standard American English</i>.</p> <p>d1. seek feedback and revise to improve effectiveness of communication.</p> <p>e1. prepare presentations for a variety of audiences.</p>	<p>b1-e1. <i>Scope Magazine</i></p> <p>b1-e1. <i>Glencoe Reader's Choice</i> (red and green)</p> <p>b1-e1. <i>Writer's Choice</i></p> <p>b1-e1. <i>Learning With Readers Theatre</i> (ISBN: 185411807)</p> <p>b1-e1. <i>Public Speaking for Kids</i> (ISBN: 1566440343)</p> <p>b1-e1. <i>You're the Expert</i> demonstration</p>
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**MSAD #54 ELA Curriculum**

Content Area: English Language Arts  
Unit: Media

Grade: Grade 7  
MLR Span: 6 - 8

**MLR Content Standard: F. MEDIA**

Students recognize and can explain the effects that both print and non-print sources have on listeners, viewers and readers, in order to develop an awareness of the effects that the media have on forming opinions and making decisions.

<b>Media</b>	<b>MLR Performance Indicators 6-8</b>	<b>MSAD #54 Objectives</b>	<b>Instructional Resources/Activities</b>
<b>F1 Analysis of Media</b>	<p>1. Students identify the various purposes, techniques, and/or effects used to communicate auditory, visual, and written information found in different forms of media.</p> <p>a. Describe and evaluate the test structures of visual and non-visual media. (L)</p> <p>b. Explain the role of the media in shaping opinions.</p> <p>c. Note instances of bias, stereotyping, and propaganda.</p>	<p><u><b>Analysis of Media</b></u> Students will</p> <p>b1. explain the role of the media in shaping opinions.</p> <p>c1. become familiar with vocabulary associated with media such as bias, stereotyping, and propaganda</p>	<p>c1. <i>Deconstructing an Advertisement</i> handout</p> <p>c1. <i>Thinking Critically About Movies</i></p> <p>c1. <a href="http://www.mediaed.org">www.mediaed.org</a></p> <p>c1. <a href="http://www.medialit.med.sc.edu">www.medialit.med.sc.edu</a></p> <p>c1. <i>Be a Better Reader</i> series</p>

## New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Grade Level Expectations (GLSs) for Reading in Grades 5-8

### Appendix A: Metacognition Strategies for Understanding Text

Teachers continually model and reinforce use of strategies, so that students learn to flexibly apply strategies that help them comprehend and interpret literary and informational texts. Reading and learning to read are problem solving processes that require strategies for the reader to make sense of written language and remain engaged with texts. Complexity of text and purpose of reading will determine the extent to which each strategy is applied.

Before reading, students...	During reading, students...	After reading, students...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Set a purpose</li> <li>-Activate prior knowledge (schema)</li> <li>-Preview text</li> <li>-Identify text structure clues (e.g., chronological, cause/effect, compare/contrast, etc.)</li> <li>-Locate text features (e.g., transitional words, subheadings, bold print, etc.)</li> <li>-Use Cues: graphics and pictures</li> <li>-Skim/Scan</li> <li>-Predict and make text-based references</li> <li>-Sample a page of text for readability and interest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Self-monitor using:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Meaning</li> <li>-Language structure</li> <li>-Print cues</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Reread</li> <li>-Self-correct</li> <li>-Clarify</li> <li>-Determine Importance</li> <li>-Generate literal, clarifying, and inferential questions</li> <li>-Visualize</li> <li>-Construct sensory images</li> <li>-Summarize and paraphrase</li> <li>-Check predictions</li> <li>-Interpret               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Literal meaning</li> <li>-Inferential meaning</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Make Connections, using               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Graphics</li> <li>-Pictures</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Monitor fluency (oral/silent; or text complexity)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Adjust rate</li> <li>-Use punctuation and dialogue cues</li> <li>-Use phrasing, intonation, expression</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Read for accuracy</li> <li>-Use note-taking strategies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Reread for confirmation</li> <li>-Summarize and paraphrase key ideas</li> <li>-Evaluate               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Accuracy of information</li> <li>-Literacy merit and use of author’s craft</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Clarify</li> <li>-Analyze information within and across texts</li> <li>-Support conclusions with references from text</li> <li>-Synthesize</li> <li>-Connect ideas/themes in text to ...               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Text: compare one text to another text</li> <li>-Self: Relate and explain ideas or events in text to personal experience</li> <li>-World: Recognize commonalities of text to world</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Appendix B: Reading Fluency Rates

<b>Recommended Fluency Rates* (in words read correctly per minute)</b>	<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>Grade 8</b>
<b>Oral:</b>	<b>90-120</b>	<b>115-140</b>	<b>125-150</b>	<b>135-160</b>	<b>140-175</b>	<b>150-180</b>
<b>Silent:</b>	<b>115-140</b>	<b>130-175</b>	<b>160-200</b>	<b>190-220</b>	<b>215-245</b>	<b>235-270</b>

**\*The following sources were referenced to determine fluency rates:**

- Caldwell, *Reading Assessment*, Guilford Press, 2002
- Fountas and Pinnell, *Guiding Readers and Writers Grades 3-6*, Heinemann, 2001
- *Put Reading First*, National Institute for Literacy, 2001
- Lipson and Wixson, *Assessment and Instruction of Reading and Writing Difficulty*, Pearson Education, 2003
- NAEP's Scale for Assessing Oral Reading Fluency, 2001