## Language Standards Extended Standards

## Grades 6 – 8

## Essence of the Standards:

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- Demonstrate conventions of grammar when speaking or writing. Demonstrate conventions of capitalization, punctuation and spelling when writing. ٠
- Use knowledge of language when writing, speaking, reading or listening. ٠
- Acquire and use vocabulary. ٠

Most Complex		
Conventions of Standard English		
<b>L.68.1a</b> Demonstrate conventions of grammar when writing or speaking by creating simple, compound and complex sentences.	<ul> <li>L.68.1b Communicate using the conventions of standard English grammar, including the use of:</li> <li>Common nouns, verbs and pronouns;</li> <li>Prepositions (e.g., between, among);</li> <li>Adjectives and adverbs (e.g., quickly, always); and</li> <li>Simple and compound sentences.</li> </ul>	<b>L.68.1c</b> Communicate using words, phrases or sentences during writing and speaking.
<b>L.68.2a</b> Generate sentences using correct capitalization, punctuation (including commas) and spelling rules.	<b>L.68.2b</b> Generate a simple sentence with beginning capitalization and ending punctuation; spell familiar words.	<b>L.68.2c</b> Identify capital letters and ending punctuation in sentences.
Knowledge of Language		
<b>L.68.3a</b> Use conventions of language to generate sentences specific to the purpose when speaking or writing.	<b>L.68.3b</b> Use conventions of language to generate simple sentences when speaking or writing.	<b>L.68.3c</b> Use language to share an idea with others.
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use		
<b>L.68.4a</b> Use context clues, word structures (e.g., affixes, root words) or reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, thesauruses) to determine the meaning of unknown words.	<b>L.68.4b</b> Use sentence-level or paragraph context to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases.	<b>L.68.4c</b> Select a picture or object that matches the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., rainy day, delicious food).
<b>L.68.5a</b> Explain the meaning of simple figurative language (e.g., similes, metaphors, personification, hyperbole).	<b>L.68.5b</b> Explain the difference between literal and non-literal meanings of words/phrases.	<b>L.68.5c</b> Identify real-life connections between words and their uses (e.g., identify wise choices).
<b>L.68.6a</b> Communicate using grade-level/age- appropriate academic and content-specific words and phrases.	<b>L.68.6b</b> Use grade-level/age-appropriate academic and content specific words and phrases in conversations.	<b>L.68.6c</b> Communicate using new words and phrases acquired through conversations.