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Standard	**Description**	**Merriam–Webster Offering**
1.02	Demonstrate understanding of the sounds of letters and understanding that words begin and end alike (onsets and rhymes).	***Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary*** offer entertaining poems and pictures to describe and demonstrate the sound-letter correspondences of letters of the alphabet. They introduce students to words that begin with each letter and that end with the same sound.
1.03	Recognize and name upper and lower case letters of the alphabet.	***Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book*** and (in the opening page for every new letter) ***Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary*** introduce students to the shapes of all uppercase and lowercase letters.
2.02	Demonstrate familiarity with a variety of types of books and selections (e.g., picture books, caption books, short informational texts, nursery rhymes).	***Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary*** introduces students to the structure of a dictionary and to the wealth of information that can be found in a dictionary.
4.01	Use new vocabulary in own speech and writing.	***Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary*** provides students with opportunities for new vocabulary acquisition with a variety of kinds of engaging content.

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FIRST GRADE		
Standard	**Description**	**Merriam-Webster Offering**
1.01	Change the beginning, middle, and ending sounds to produce new words.	***Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary*** offer many examples of words that begin with the same letter and end with a different one, and words that end with the same letter but begin differently.
1.02	Generate the sounds from all the letters and appropriate letter patterns which should include consonant blends and long and short vowel patterns.	The alphabet rhymes in ***Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book*** and in ***Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary*** use featured consonants in blends and digraphs, and give short and long sounds of featured vowels.
	Read inflectional forms (e.g., *-s, -ed, -ing*) and root words (e.g., *looks, looked, looking*).	Most of the entries in ***Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary*** use inflected forms of the entry word in example sentences or in the explanation of the word.
4.01	Select and use new vocabulary and language structures in both speech and writing contexts (e.g., oral retelling using exclamatory phrases to accent an idea or event).	***Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary*** can inspire students to use new words and use language in new ways with its variety of material—little stories, jokes, comments, short poems, and more.
4.03	Use specific words to name and tell action in oral and written language (e.g., using words such as *frog* and *toad* when discussing a nonfiction text).	***Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary*** gives students new ideas for specific words through its definitions, illustrations, explanatory text, riddle, and retellings of stories.

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SECOND GRADE		
Standard	**Description**	**Merriam-Webster Offering**
1.01	Use phonics knowledge and structural analysis (e.g., syllables, suffixes, prefixes, root words) to decode regular multi-syllable words when reading text.	***Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary*** gives students exposure to suffixed and prefixed forms and compound words: most entries give inflected forms of entry words; some show examples of prefixed forms (e.g., *overdo, outdo,* and *undo* at the entry for *do*); and some entries show examples of compound words built from entry words.
2.03	Read expository materials for answers to specific questions.	Students can use ***Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary*** as an introduction to how dictionaries present information. ***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** is a young student's first full-featured dictionary, with an expanded vocabulary and more formal entries, which students can read when in doubt about the meaning, spelling, or use of a word.
4.02	Use expanded vocabulary to generate synonyms for commonly overused words to increase clarity of written and oral communication.	***Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary*** includes synonym lists for many entries.
5.01	Spell correctly using previously studied words.	A back section of ***Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary*** provides lists of frequently used words whose spellings students should master.
5.06	Use correctly in written products: plural forms of commonly used nouns; common, age-appropriate contractions.	***Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary*** shows plural forms at most noun entries. ***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** spells out irregular plural forms at all noun entries. It also includes entries for contractions.

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THIRD GRADE		
Standard	**Description**	**Merriam-Webster Offering**
1.01	Apply phonics and structural analysis to decode words (e.g., roots, suffixes, prefixes, less common vowel patterns, syllable breaks).	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** includes separate entries for common prefixes and suffixes and features word root paragraphs that introduce students to Greek or Latin roots to aid understanding of unfamiliar words.
1.04	Increase sight vocabulary, reading vocabulary, and writing vocabulary, and writing vocabulary through: wide reading; word study.	Entries in ***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** include nearly 1,300 quotations from classic and contemporary children's literature to encourage interest in reading. The dictionary also features 250 word history paragraphs to introduce students to word origins and derivations. ***Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary*** includes vocabulary-building exercises.
1.05	Use word reference materials (e.g., dictionary, glossary) to confirm decoding skills, verify spelling, and extend meanings of words.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** is written for students in grades 3–5. It contains more than 36,000 entries featuring usage examples and multiple definitions for words, as well as 900 full-color illustrations. It includes an easy-to-follow "Using Your Dictionary" section. ***Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary*** is a comprehensive guide to the features and richness of the dictionary, where students learn dictionary skills through games, puzzles, and quizzes.
3.06	Conduct research for assigned or self-selected projects (with assistance) from a variety of sources.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** is a rich source of information about words and language, with information about meanings, word histories, synonyms, and pronunciations.
4.02	Use oral and written language to explain own learning.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** defines words using grade-level-appropriate vocabulary and shows pronunciations to help students with their oral and written language.
4.08	Focus reflection and revision (with assistance) on target elements by: adding descriptive words and phrases; strengthening word choice.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** includes over 120 synonym paragraphs that not only suggest different word choices, but briefly explain how they differ slightly in meaning.
5.01	Use correct capitalization and punctuation.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** includes "A Guide for Writers" covering capitalization and punctuation rules with examples.
5.06	Proofread own writing for spelling and correct most misspellings independently with reference to resources.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** provides students with correct spellings for more than 36,000 commonly used words.
5.07	Edit (with assistance) to use conventions of written language and format.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** can help students edit for grammar and word choice, with its thousands of usage examples to illustrate standard usage, and "Hints" to further help with confusing usage.

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FOURTH GRADE		
Standard	**Description**	**Merriam-Webster Offering**
1.02	Infer word meanings from taught roots, prefixes, and suffixes to decode words in text to assist comprehension.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** includes entries for common prefixes and suffixes and features word root paragraphs throughout that show how Greek and Latin roots are found in families of words. ***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus*** provides lists and meanings for common Greek and Latin roots and prefixes and suffixes.
1.04	Increase reading and writing vocabulary through wide reading; word study.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** can help students understand words encountered in a wide variety of written works. Entries include nearly 1,300 quotations from classic and contemporary children's literature to encourage interest in reading. The dictionary also features 250 word history paragraphs to introduce students to word origins and derivations. ***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** can help with more advanced reading. ***Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary*** includes vocabulary-building exercises.
	Increase reading and writing vocabulary through: knowledge of homophones, synonyms, antonyms, homonyms; knowledge of multiple meanings of words.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** provides a wide range of information about homonyms, homophones, synonyms, and the multiple meanings for words, including over 120 synonym paragraphs that briefly explain how closely related words differ slightly in meaning.
1.05	Use word reference materials (e.g., glossary, dictionary, thesaurus) to identify and comprehend unknown words.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary,*** written for students in grades 3–5, contains more than 36,000 entries, many with usage examples and multiple definitions. It features 900 full-color illustrations, and includes an easy-to-follow "Using Your Dictionary" section. Designed for students, ***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus*** features brief definitions for shared meaning and a usage example for every synonym. ***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus*** is a handy source for synonyms, antonyms, and related words. ***Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary*** provides grade-level-appropriate instructions in how to use a dictionary and a thesaurus. ***Merriam-Webster's Word Central*** (WordCentral.com), a Web site designed for students, offers a free dictionary and thesaurus where students can look up words, synonyms, and antonyms.
4.02	Use oral and written language to present information and ideas in a clear, concise manner.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** defines words using grade-level-appropriate vocabulary and shows pronunciations to help students with their oral and written language.

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4.08	Focus revision on a specific element, such as word choice.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** includes precise definitions to help students with word choice and presents more than 120 synonym paragraphs for additional choices. ***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus*** offer students a wider range of words and provide guidance about their core meanings.
4.10	Use technology as a tool to gather, organize, and present information.	***Merriam-Webster's Word Central*** (WordCentral.com), a Web site designed especially for students, offers a free dictionary and thesaurus where students can look up words, synonyms, and antonyms.
5.01	Use correct capitalization (e.g., names of languages, nationalities, musical compositions) and punctuation (e.g., commas in a series, commas in direct address, commas and quotation marks in dialogue, apostrophes in possessives).	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** includes "A Guide for Writers" covering capitalization and punctuation rules (including sections on commas, dialogue, and possessives) with examples. Students can also use ***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation.***
5.06	Proofread and correct most misspellings with reference to resources (e.g., dictionaries, thesauri, glossaries, computer spell-checks, and other classroom sources).	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** provides correct spellings for more than 36,000 commonly used words. Students can also use the free online dictionary and thesaurus at ***Merriam-Webster's Word Central*** (WordCentral.com), a Web site designed especially for students.
5.07	Use established criteria to edit for language conventions and format.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** can help students edit for grammar and word choice, with thousands of examples that illustrate standard usage, and "Hints" to further help with confusing usage.

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FIFTH GRADE		
Standard	**Description**	**Merriam-Webster Offering**
1.01	Expand and refine vocabulary through knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, roots, derivatives, context clues, and etymologies to assist comprehension.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** includes entries for common prefixes and suffixes, and features word root paragraphs throughout that show how Greek and Latin roots are found in families of words. ***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus*** provides lists of common Greek and Latin roots, prefixes, and suffixes with their meanings. ***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** includes nearly 3,000 concise etymologies at selected entries to introduce the concept of roots, derivatives, and word formation. A "Using Your Dictionary" section helps students understand etymologies.
1.02	Select key vocabulary critical to the text and apply appropriate meanings as necessary for comprehension.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** presents concise age-appropriate definitions to help students determine meanings of words encountered in text. ***Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary*** helps students get the most out of the definitions in the dictionary.
1.03	Increase reading and writing vocabulary through: wide reading; word study; word reference materials.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** helps students understand vocabulary encountered in a wide variety of written works. Entries include nearly 1,300 quotations from classic and contemporary children's literature to encourage interest in reading. ***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** is appropriate for more advanced reading. Both dictionaries include word history paragraphs to enrich students' understanding of words.
1.05	Use word reference materials (e.g., glossary, dictionary, thesaurus, online reference tools) to identify and comprehend unknown words.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary***, written for students in grades 3–5, contains more than 36,000 entries, many with usage examples and multiple definitions. It has 900 full-color illustrations and includes an easy-to-follow "Using Your Dictionary" section. ***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus*** is designed for students and features brief definitions for shared meaning and a usage example for every synonym. ***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus*** is a handy source for synonyms, antonyms, and related words. ***Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary*** provides grade-level-appropriate instructions in how to use a dictionary and a thesaurus. ***Merriam-Webster's Word Central*** (WordCentral.com), a Web site designed especially for students, offers a free dictionary and thesaurus where students can look up words, synonyms, and antonyms online.
4.03	Make oral and written presentations to inform or persuade selecting vocabulary for impact.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** presents definitions that use grade-level-appropriate vocabulary and pronunciations with easy-to-understand symbols to help students with oral and written presentations.
4.07	Compose a variety of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama using self-selected topic and format.	Students writing poetry will enjoy referring to ***Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary*** with its alphabetical listing of rhyming sounds. *continued* ➡

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Standard	**Description**	**Merriam-Webster Offering**
4.08	Focus revision on target elements by improving word choice.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** includes precise definitions to help students with word choice and presents more than 120 synonym paragraphs that provide additional choices. ***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus*** present students with a wider range of choices and provide guidance about the core meanings of words.
5.01	Consistently use correct capitalization (e.g., names of magazines, newspapers, organizations) and punctuation (e.g., colon to introduce a list, commas in apposition, commas used in compound sentences).	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** includes "A Guide for Writers" with concise information about capitalization and punctuation. For more advanced students, ***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** includes "A Handbook of Style" that covers the same topics in more depth. Students can also use ***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation*** as a reference. ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation*** offers the same information in a compact format.
5.04	Determine the impact of word choice on written and spoken language.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** includes more than 120 synonym paragraphs that discuss how closely related words differ, to help students understand the importance of word choice.
5.06	Proofread for accuracy of spelling using appropriate strategies to confirm spelling and to correct errors.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** provides students with correct spellings for more than 36,000 commonly used words. Students can also use the free online dictionary at ***Merriam-Webster's Word Central*** (WordCentral.com), a Web site designed especially for students.
5.07	Edit final product for grammar, language conventions, and format.	***Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*** can help students edit for grammar and word choice, with its thousands of examples of words used in context to illustrate standard usage, and "Hints" to further help with confusing usage.

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SIXTH GRADE		
Standard	**Description**	**Merriam-Webster Offering**
5.02 Study the characteristics of literary genres (fiction, nonfiction, drama, and poetry)	Read a variety of literature and other text (e.g., novels, autobiographies, myths, essays, magazines, plays, pattern poems, blank verse).	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** is 65,000-word dictionary written for students in grade 6–8 that supports student reading across a wide variety of texts. Its thousands of usage examples clarify meanings and expand understanding of words.
6.01 Demonstrate an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression	Use a variety of sentence types correctly, punctuate them properly, and avoid fragments and run-ons.	***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation*** give the basic rules of sentence punctuation with examples to illustrate usage.
	Use pronouns correctly, including clear antecedents and correct case.	***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage*** includes many entries that discuss correct pronoun use. ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation*** includes a brief section on usage that features common problems with pronoun use. ***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation*** has a handy grammar glossary.
	Determine the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary words by using context clues, a dictionary, a glossary, a thesaurus, and/or structural analysis (roots, prefixes, suffixes) of words.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** is a 65,000-word dictionary written especially for students in grade 6–8 that supports student reading across a wide variety of texts. Its thousands of usage examples clarify meanings and expand understanding of words.
	Extend vocabulary knowledge by learning and using new words.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus*** is a rich source of new words, especially when used in conjunction with ***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary,*** which can help students master the differences among synonyms, related words, antonyms, and near antonyms. ***Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder*** introduces students to 3,000 words derived from the most productive Greek and Latin roots, with definitions, pronunciations, sample sentences, and quizzes.
	Develop an awareness of language conventions and usage during oral presentations.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** presents definitions that use grade-level-appropriate vocabulary and pronunciations with easy-to-understand symbols to help students with oral and written presentations. Students can also use the free online dictionary on the student Web site, ***Merriam-Webster's Word Central*** (WordCentral.com) to hear audio pronunciations.

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Standard	**Description**	**Merriam–Webster Offering**
6.02 **Identify and edit errors in spoken and written English**	Review and use common spelling rules, apply common spelling patterns, and develop and master an individualized list of words that are commonly misspelled.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** is an authoritative grade-appropriate dictionary that supports instruction and practice in spelling. ***Merriam-Webster's Instant Word Guide*** is a handy alphabetical listing of 35,000 words with brief notes to help students distinguish among commonly confused words.
	Apply proofreading symbols when editing.	***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation*** includes a section on proofreading with proofreader's marks.
	Produce final drafts that demonstrate accurate spelling and the correct use of punctuation and capitalization.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** supports students in the editing process when checking spelling and grammar. Its Handbook of Style section helps students check punctuation and capitalization. For more detailed coverage of punctuation and capitalization, students can consult ***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation.***

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SEVENTH GRADE

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
5.02 Study the characteristics of literary genres (fiction, nonfiction, drama, and poetry)	Read a variety of literature and other text (e.g., novels, autobiographies, myths, essays, magazines, plays, pattern poems, blank verse).	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** is a 65,000-word dictionary written for students in grade 6–8 that supports student reading across a wide variety of texts. Its thousands of usage examples clarify meanings and expand understanding of words.
6.01 Model an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression	Use a variety of sentences correctly, punctuate them properly, and avoid fragments and run-ons.	***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation*** give the rules of sentence punctuation with examples.
	Apply the parts of speech to clarify language usage.	***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation*** has a list of frequently confused words, many of which are different parts of speech (for example, *affect* and *effect*), that help students get their use right. ***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus*** contains a shorter version.
	Use pronouns correctly, including clear antecedents and correct case.	***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage*** includes many entries that discuss correct pronoun use. ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation*** includes a brief section on usage that addresses common problems with pronoun use. ***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation*** has a grammar glossary.
	Use phrases and clauses correctly, including proper punctuation (e.g., prepositional phrases, appositives, dependent and independent clauses).	***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation*** help with correct punctuation of phrases and clauses.
	Determine the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary words using context clues, a dictionary, a glossary, a thesaurus, and/or structural analysis (roots, prefixes, suffixes) of words.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** is a 65,000-word dictionary written for students in grade 6–8 that supports student reading across a wide variety of texts. Its thousands of usage examples clarify meanings and expand understanding of words.
	Extend vocabulary knowledge by learning and using new words.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus*** is a rich source of new words, especially when used in conjunction with ***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary,*** which helps students master the differences among synonyms, related words, antonyms, and near antonyms. ***Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus*** integrates a dictionary and thesaurus in a single alphabetical listing. ***Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder*** introduces students to 3,000 words derived from the most productive Greek and Latin roots, with definitions, pronunciations, sample sentences, and quizzes.
	Determine when and where dialects and standard/nonstandard English usage are appropriate.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** contains usage labels where appropriate, identifying words as slang, nonstandard or otherwise limited in use.

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Standard	**Description**	**Merriam-Webster Offering**
6.01 **Model an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression** *(continued)*	Apply language conventions and usage during oral presentations.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** presents definitions that use grade-level-appropriate vocabulary and pronunciations with easy-to-understand symbols to help students with their oral and written presentations. They can also use the free online dictionary on the student Web site, ***Merriam-Webster's Word Central*** (WordCentral.com) to hear audio pronunciations.
	Choose language that is precise, engaging, and well suited to the topic and audience.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** includes 23,000 usage examples to give students a clear sense of how words are used effectively. ***Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms*** help students choose the most precise word among closely related synonyms. The *Intermediate Dictionary* contains more than 500 synonym paragraphs.
	Experiment with figurative language and speech patterns.	
6.02 **Continue to identify and edit errors in spoken and written English**	Review and use common spelling rules, apply common spelling patterns, and develop and master an individualized list of words that are commonly misspelled.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** is an authoritative grade-appropriate dictionary to support spelling instruction and practice. ***Merriam-Webster's Instant Word Guide*** is a handy alphabetical listing of 35,000 words with brief notes to help students distinguish among commonly confused words.
	Master proofreading symbols for editing.	***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation*** includes a section that shows proofreader's marks.
	Produce final drafts/presentations that demonstrate accurate spelling and the correct use of punctuation, capitalization, and format.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** helps students check spelling and grammar in the editing process. Its Handbook of Style section can be used to check punctuation and capitalization. For more detailed coverage of punctuation and capitalization, students can consult ***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation.***

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EIGHTH GRADE

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2.01 Analyze and evaluate informational materials that are read, heard, and/or viewed	Monitor comprehension for understanding of what is read, heard, or viewed.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** is a 65,000-entry dictionary designed for middle school students. ***Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary*** is an 85,000-word dictionary designed for high school students. Both are up-to-date with new words and help with vocabulary comprehension in many areas of student research. ***Merriam-Webster's Word Central*** (WordCentral.com) offers free access to an online dictionary based on the *Intermediate Dictionary.*
2.02 Use multiple sources of print and non-print information to explore and create research products in both written and presentational forms	Support ideas with examples, definitions, analogies, and direct references to primary and secondary sources.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** and ***Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary*** contain the definitions students need to support their research. ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style*** show students how to incorporate direct quotations into their own texts and how to create notes and bibliographies.
	Note and/or cite sources used.	
5.02 Study the characteristics of literary genres (fiction, nonfiction, drama, and poetry)	Read a variety of literature and other text (e.g., young adult novels, short stories, biographies, plays, free verse, narrative poems).	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** and ***Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary*** support student reading across a wide variety of texts.
6.01 Model an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression	Use a variety of sentence types, punctuate them properly, and avoid fragments and run-ons.	***Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style, Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation,*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation*** give the rules of sentence punctuation with examples.
	Apply the parts of speech to clarify language usage.	***Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation*** contain a grammar glossary that explains and describes parts of speech, an introduction to word usage issues, and a listing of commonly confused words.
	Use pronouns correctly, including clear antecedents and correct case.	***Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation*** contain a grammar glossary that helps students understand how to use pronouns, phrases and clauses, and appositives, including proper punctuation.
	Use phrases and clauses correctly, including proper punctuation (e.g., prepositional phrases, appositives, dependent and independent clauses).	

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Standard	**Description**	**Merriam-Webster Offering**
6.01 **Model an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression** *(continued)*	Determine the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary words using context clues, a dictionary, a glossary, a thesaurus, and/or structural analysis (roots, prefixes, suffixes) of words.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** is a 65,000-word dictionary written for students in grades 6–8 that supports student reading across a wide variety of texts. ***Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary*** is an 85,000-entry dictionary with coverage of more advanced words. ***Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder*** gives students the tools to decipher unfamiliar words derived from 200 Greek and Latin roots.
	Extend vocabulary knowledge by learning and using new words.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus*** is a rich source of new vocabulary words, especially when used in conjunction with ***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary. Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder*** introduces students to hundreds of words derived from the most productive Greek and Latin roots and from classical mythology and history. Its 3,000 words are organized by roots, with quizzes to test progress and reward study.
	Apply correct language conventions and usage during oral presentations.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** presents definitions that use grade-level-appropriate vocabulary and pronunciations with easy-to-understand symbols to help students with oral and written presentations. They can also use the free online dictionary on the student Web site, ***Merriam-Webster's Word Central*** (WordCentral.com) to hear audio pronunciations.
6.02 **Continue to identify and edit errors in spoken and written English**	Use correct spelling of words appropriate in difficulty for eighth graders and refine mastery of an individualized list of commonly misspelled words.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*** is an authoritative grade-appropriate dictionary to support instruction and practice in spelling. ***Merriam-Webster's Instant Word Guide*** is a handy alphabetical listing of 35,000 words with brief notes to help students distinguish among commonly confused words.
	Apply proofreading symbols when editing.	***Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style*** includes a section that shows proofreader's marks.

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ENGLISH I

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
2.01 Demonstrate the ability to read, listen to, and view a variety of increasingly complex print and non-print informational texts appropriate to grade level	Demonstrate comprehension of main idea and supporting details; summarize key events and/or points from text.	***Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary*** is an 85,000-entry dictionary written for students in grades 9–11. It includes grade-level appropriate definitions and thousands of usage examples to help students with vocabulary they encounter in their reading. ***Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary*** is a 165,000-entry dictionary that provides coverage of more advanced vocabulary.
2.02 Explain commonly used terms and concepts	Use description, comparison, figurative language, and other appropriate strategies purposefully to elaborate ideas.	***Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus*** help students find words for description and comparison to make their explanations more effective. Both dictionaries include synonym paragraphs to help students discriminate among closely related terms. Students can also use ***Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus,*** which integrates thesaurus entries with dictionary entries.
2.04 Form and refine a question for investigation, using a topic of personal choice, and answer that question	Decide upon and use appropriate methods such as interviews with experts, observations, finding print and non-print sources, and using interactive technology or media; report … the research in an appropriate form for a specified audience.	Students can improve the effectiveness of oral presentations with correct pronunciations by using ***Merriam-Webster Online*** (Merriam-Webster.com), which offers audio pronunciations. Students who need to credit their sources can refer to ***Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style*** or ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation,*** which have sections on writing bibliographies and making parenthetical references.
6.01 Demonstrate an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression	Apply parts of speech to clarify and edit language.	***Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation*** contain a grammar glossary that explains and describes parts of speech, with a long list of frequently confused words.
	Address clarity and style through such strategies as parallelism, appropriate coordination and subordination; variety and details; appropriate and exact words; and conciseness.	***Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus*** or ***Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus,*** especially when used in conjunction with ***Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary,*** can guide students to words that are appropriate and precise. ***Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms*** presents brief explanations that help students distinguish between synonyms to choose the most appropriate word.
	Use phrases and clauses correctly, including proper punctuation.	***Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation*** give the rules of correct sentence punctuation, with examples.

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6.01 Demonstrate an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression *(continued)*	Analyze the place and role of dialects and standard/nonstandard English.	***Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary*** contains usage labels where appropriate, identifying words as slang, nonstandard, regional, or otherwise limited in use.
	Use vocabulary strategies such as roots and affixes, word maps, and context clues to discern the meaning of words.	***Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder*** gives students the tools to understand unfamiliar words derived from 200 Greek and Latin roots. Entries are organized by roots and followed by quizzes to test progress. ***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus*** has lists of common Greek and Latin roots with their meanings and of prefixes and suffixes and their meanings.
6.02 Discern and correct errors in spoken and written English	Avoid fragments, run-ons, and comma splices; select correct subject-verb agreement, consistent verb tense, and appropriate verbs; use and place modifiers correctly.	***Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style*** includes a concise grammar glossary to help students understand grammatical concepts and terminology, as well as information about common errors in grammar. ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage*** contains brief discussions of more than a 1,000 issues of usage and grammar.
	Edit for spelling and mechanics.	***Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary*** is an authoritative guide to the spelling of more than 85,000 words. ***Merriam-Webster's Instant Word Guide*** is an alphabetical listing of 35,000 words with guidance notes at commonly confused words. ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation*** provides a handy reference to all the rules of mechanics and styling. ***Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style*** includes a section that shows proofreader's marks.

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2.01 Demonstrate the ability to read, listen to, and view a variety of increasingly complex print and non-print informational texts appropriate to grade level	Demonstrate comprehension of main idea and supporting details	***Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary*** is an 85,000-entry dictionary written for students in grades 9–11. Its concise definitions and thousands of usage examples help students understand the words they encounter in their reading. ***Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary*** has more than 165,000 entries that help students with more advanced vocabulary. The *Collegiate Dictionary* is available online at ***Merriam-Webster Online*** (Merriam-Webster.com).
6.01 Demonstrate an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression	Use word recognition strategies to understand vocabulary and exact word choice (Greek and Latin roots and affixes, analogies, idioms, denotation, connotation).	***Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder*** gives students the tools to understand unfamiliar words derived from 200 Greek and Latin roots. Entries are organized by roots and followed by quizzes to test progress and encourage retention. ***Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus*** has lists of common Greek and Latin roots and prefixes and suffixes with meanings. ***Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus,*** when used in conjunction with ***Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary,*** helps students choose words that are appropriate and precise. ***Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms*** presents brief explanations that help students distinguish between synonyms.
	Use vocabulary strategies such as context clues, resources, and structural analysis (roots, prefixes, etc.) to determine meaning of words and phrases.	
	Use correct form/format for essays, business letters, research papers, bibliographies.	***Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style*** gives detailed information on how to cite sources and create bibliographies.
	Use language effectively to create mood and tone.	***Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus*** helps students with effective word choice. ***Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus*** integrates thesaurus entries with dictionary entries in a single alphabetical sequence. ***Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms*** presents brief explanations to help students distinguish among synonyms.
6.02 Edit [for grammar, mechanics, and spelling].	Edit for subject-verb agreement, tense choice, pronoun usage, clear antecedents, correct case, and complete sentences.	***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage*** contains brief discussions of more than a thousand language issues (including many entries that discuss correct pronoun use) and a grammar glossary that cross-references to relevant usage entries.
	Edit for appropriate and correct mechanics (commas, italics, underlining, semicolon, colon, apostrophe, quotation marks).	***Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style*** presents the key rules of writing mechanics, with many illustrative examples, including sections on the use of apostrophes, colon, semicolons, quotation marks, and commas, and a chapter on italics. ***Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary*** includes a Handbook of Style section that addresses the rules more concisely.
	Edit for spelling.	***Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary*** is an authoritative guide to the spelling of more than 85,000 words. ***Webster's Instant Word Guide*** is an alphabetical listing of 35,000 words with guidance notes for commonly confused words.

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ENGLISH III

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
2.03 Demonstrate the ability to read, listen to, and view a variety of increasingly complex print and non-print informational texts appropriate to grade level and course literary focus	Demonstrate comprehension of main idea and supporting details.	***Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary*** is an 85,000-entry dictionary written for students in grades 9–11. Its concise definitions and thousands of usage examples can help students understand the words they encounter in their reading. ***Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary,*** appropriate for college-bound students, has more than 165,000 entries covering a wide range of material, including scientific and technical reporting, newspapers and magazines, and online sources.
6.01 Demonstrate an understanding of language	Decode vocabulary using knowledge of Anglo-Saxon, Greek, and Latin bases and affixes.	***Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder*** gives students the tools to understand unfamiliar words derived from 200 Greek and Latin roots. It introduces 3,000 words, with entries organized by roots, followed by quizzes to test progress and encourage retention. Students can look up unfamiliar words and phrases for meaning and etymologies in ***Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary,*** which has 20,000 etymologies, or ***Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary,*** which has 40,000. They can also use the free online dictionary at ***Merriam-Webster Online*** (Merriam-Webster.com).
	Use vocabulary strategies such as context clues, resources, and structural analysis (roots, prefixes, etc.) to determine meaning of words and phrases.	
	Discern the relationship of word meanings between pairs of words in analogies (synonyms/antonyms, connotation/denotation).	***Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Thesaurus*** offer synonyms and antonyms for thousands of words. ***Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms*** provides brief explanations that show connotative and denotative differences among close synonyms. ***Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms*** goes into greater detail with more than 8,500 words and over 17,000 example phrases.
6.02 Discern and correct errors in speaking and writing at a level appropriate to eleventh grade	Review and refine purposeful use of varying sentence types with correct punctuation.	***Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style*** presents key rules for correct sentence punctuation. ***Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*** include Handbook of Style sections which cover the basics of sentence punctuation.
	Review and refine correct pronoun usage, antecedents, and case.	***Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style*** has a grammar glossary with entries that discuss pronoun agreement, subject-verb agreement, and other issues relating to parts of speech. ***Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage*** has a detailed discussion of subject-verb agreement. Concise treatment of these issues is offered in ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Usage*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation.***
	Refine subject-verb agreement and choice of tense.	
	Discuss parts of speech as they relate to writing.	
	Edit for correct spelling and mechanics.	***Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style*** presents the key rules for use of capitals and italics, with illustrative examples. Students can check spelling with ***Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary, Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary,*** or with ***Webster's Instant Word Guide,*** an alphabetical listing of 35,000 words with guidance notes at commonly confused words.

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ENGLISH IV		
Standard	**Description**	**Merriam–Webster Offering**
2.04 **Demonstrate the ability to read, listen to, and view a variety of increasingly complex print and non-print informational texts appropriate to grade level and course literary focus**	Demonstrate comprehension of main idea and supporting details.	***Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary®,*** appropriate for college-bound students, has more than 165,000 entries that help students comprehend a wide range of material, including scientific and technical reporting, newspapers and magazines, and online sources. The full text of the *Collegiate Dictionary* is available at ***Merriam-Webster Online*** (Merriam-Webster.com).
6.01 **Apply knowledge of literary terms, grammar, and rhetoric in order to write clearly, succinctly, and accurately**	Use vocabulary strategies such as context clues, resources, and structural analysis (roots, prefixes, etc.) to determine meaning of words and phrases.	Students can look up unfamiliar words in ***Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary,*** which includes entries for thousands of phrases and offers 40,000 etymologies from which students can learn roots and other components of words. They can also use the free online dictionary at ***Merriam-Webster Online*** (Merriam-Webster.com). ***Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder*** gives students the tools to understand unfamiliar words derived from 200 Greek and Latin roots. It exposes them to 3,000 words, with entries organized by roots, and quizzes to test progress and encourage retention.
6.02 **Discern and correct errors in speaking and writing**	Edit for correct punctuation, spelling, mechanics, and standard American English.	Students can check spelling with ***Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*** or with ***Webster's Instant Word Guide,*** an alphabetical listing of 35,000 words with guidance notes for commonly confused words. ***Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style*** and ***Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers*** present the key rules of punctuation and use of capitals and italics, with illustrative examples. ***Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage*** provides comprehensive guidance regarding potentially confusing grammar issues. ***Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage*** addresses many of these same issues in shorter form.