

Brunswick School Department  
Writing Curriculum: Conventions  
Grades 9-12

D1. Grammar and Usage

Students apply rhetorical skills when reading, writing, and speaking through their understanding of Standard American English.

- a. Use appropriate diction, syntax, and figurative language to suit purpose, context, and audience.
- b. Use handbooks, style guides or other writing sources to confirm accuracy of Standard American English.

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<p>Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognize and identify how parts of speech change according to usage (I, R)</li> <li>Identify and use subject/verb agreement (A)</li> <li>Identify prepositional and appositive phrases (R)</li> <li>Use a formal level of language (I)</li> <li>Use correct parenthetical documentation (MLA) for reference sources (I, R)</li> <li>Generate a correct Works Cited page (MLA) (R)</li> </ul>	<p>Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and use parts of speech that change according to usage (A)</li> <li>Identify prepositional and appositive phrases (R, A)</li> <li>Use a formal level of language (R)</li> <li>Use correct parenthetical documentation (MLA) for reference sources (R)</li> <li>Generate a correct Works Cited page (MLA) (R, A)</li> </ul>	<p>Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and avoid misplaced/dangling modifiers (I, R)</li> <li>Recognize and apply pronoun antecedent agreement (I, R)</li> <li>Identify verbal phrases (participial, gerund, infinitive) (I, R)</li> <li>Identify past, present, and future verb tenses (R, A)</li> <li>Use a formal level of language (R, A)</li> <li>Use correct parenthetical documentation (MLA) for reference sources (R, A)</li> <li>Generate a correct Works Cited page (MLA) (R, A)</li> </ul>	<p>Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and avoid misplaced/dangling modifiers (R, A)</li> <li>Recognize and apply pronoun antecedent agreement (R, A)</li> <li>Identify verbal phrases (participial, gerund, infinitive) (R, A)</li> <li>Recognize active and passive voice (I, R)</li> <li>Use a formal level of language (R, A)</li> <li>Use correct parenthetical documentation (MLA) for reference sources (A)</li> <li>Generate a correct Works Cited page (MLA) (A)</li> </ul>

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<p>D2. Mechanics</p> <p>Students demonstrate the use of the structures and conventions of Standard American English in their communication.</p> <p>a. Use appropriate punctuation, spelling, and sentence and paragraph structure to suit purpose, situation, and audience.</p>			
Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<p>Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify subject/predicate (R)</li> <li>Identify independent clause/dependent clause (R,A)</li> <li>Identify object and subject complements (I, R)</li> <li>Identify and use topic sentences, detail sentences, concluding sentences (I,R)</li> <li>Avoid run-on sentences and comma splices (R,A)</li> <li>Recognize and apply correct word usage (I, R, A)</li> <li>Use double quotation marks and single quotation marks to cite</li> </ul>	<p>Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify subject/predicate (R, A)</li> <li>Identify independent clause/dependent clause (A)</li> <li>Identify object and subject complements (R, A)</li> <li>Identify and use topic sentences, detail sentences, concluding sentences (R, A)</li> <li>Use commas with interrupters, non-essential elements, introductory elements (I, R)</li> <li>Avoid run-on sentences and comma splices (R,A)</li> <li>Recognize and apply</li> </ul>	<p>Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify four sentence types (simple, compound, complex, compound-complex) (I, R)</li> <li>Identify and use parallel structure (I, R)</li> <li>Use commas with interrupters, non-essential elements, introductory elements (R, A)</li> <li>Recognize and apply correct word usage ( R, A)</li> <li>Use double quotation marks and single quotation marks to cite evidence (R, A)</li> <li>Use colons to introduce quoted evidence (R, A)</li> </ul>	<p>Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and apply four sentence types (simple, compound, complex, compound-complex) (R, A)</li> <li>Identify and use parallel structure (R, A)</li> <li>Recognize and apply correct word usage (A)</li> <li>Use double quotation marks and single quotation marks to cite evidence (A)</li> <li>Use colons to introduce quoted evidence (A)</li> <li>Use semi-colons and colons in sophisticated sentence structures (R, A)</li> </ul>

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evidence (I, R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use colons to introduce quoted evidence (I, R)</li></ul>	correct word usage (I, R, A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use double quotation marks and single quotation marks to cite evidence (R, A)</li><li>• Use colons to introduce quoted evidence (R)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use semi-colons and colons in sophisticated sentence structures (I, R)</li></ul>	
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Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Spelling <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submit final copy free of misspelled words (I)</li></ul>	Spelling <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submit final copy free of misspelled words (R)</li></ul>	Spelling <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submit final copy free of misspelled words (R)</li></ul>	Spelling <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submit final copy free of misspelled words (A)</li></ul>

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<p>B1. Interconnected Elements</p> <p>Students use a writing process to develop an appropriate genre, exhibiting an explicit organizational structure, perspective, and style to communicate with target audiences for a specific purpose.</p> <p>e. Create legible final drafts</p>			
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<p>Handwriting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use cursive letters efficiently and proportionately in handwriting (A)</li> </ul>	<p>Handwriting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use cursive letters efficiently and proportionately in handwriting (A)</li> </ul>	<p>Handwriting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use cursive letters efficiently and proportionately in handwriting (A)</li> </ul>	<p>Handwriting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use cursive letters efficiently and proportionately in handwriting (A)</li> </ul>
<p>Text Layout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use MLA format for final copy</li> </ul>	<p>Text Layout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use MLA format for final copy</li> </ul>	<p>Text Layout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use MLA format for final copy</li> </ul>	<p>Text Layout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use MLA format for final copy</li> </ul>

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