VBHS English Language Arts Essential Skills & Standards by Grade Level

12th Essential Skill	Standards	12th Begin	12th Mastery End	
READING Read critically to evaluate writer's message and/or rhetorical or literary choices	12.RC.4.RF: Demonstrate reading comprehension of age and grade-appropriate texts by speaking or writing. See vocabulary standards for specific reading comprehension skills.	 Read at grade level. Understand literary devices and techniques. Understand purpose and intended audience Achieve independent reading stamina Individual annotation with purpose - not based on quantity. 	 Read at grade level. Understand literary and rhetorical devices and techniques. 	
WRITING Effectively write short compositions and more substantial essays across a variety of genres.	12.W.4.P: Construct clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.	 Write well-organized, fully developed academic essays. Develop an appropriately complex thesis statement. Support a thesis. Effectively connect support back to a thesis. Engage effectively in the entire writing process, including pre-writing and revision. Integrate textual evidence into their own writing. 	 Effectively write in an academic and/or professional style. Write about complex, academic or professional topics. Independently engage in the entire writing process, including prewriting and revision. Smoothly integrate textual evidence into writing 	
SPEAKING & LISTENING	12.CC.1.SLC: Initiate and express ideas in a collaborative setting, using and adapting effective discussion strategies appropriately.	 Listen respectfully. Disagree respectfully. Use academic language, avoiding slang. Use evidence to support your assertions or refute opposing 	Contribute, respectfully and effectively in discussions of complex academic, social, and/or professional topics.	

Actively participate in discussions of academic or social consequence.	12.CC.7.P: Present claims, findings, and supporting evidence concisely, logically, and appropriately according to purpose, audience, and task. 12.CC.10.P: Adapt speech to a variety of audiences, contexts, and tasks, using appropriate body language, tone, style, and pacing.	ideas. • Make appropriate inferences & support text	
RESEARCH Conduct research using a range of available print and electronic resources and use findings in reading, writing and oral communication.	12.W.13.R: Conduct short and sustained research projects synthesizing information from multiple sources to answer a question or solve a problem, narrowing or broadening the inquiry when appropriate.	 Conduct an advanced search to find academically appropriate resources. Use effective search terms. Connect research findings to your own ideas and the ideas of others ideas appropriately, Proficient in MLA formatting. 	 Master MLA formatting Understand that academic research serves the purpose of forming opinions rather than reinforcing beliefs.
Evaluate the credibility of your own ideas and the ideas of others, including those expressed in print and multimedia content.	12.W.14.R: Assess the credibility and accuracy of sources, using scholarly databases when appropriate.	 Identify biased language. Use strategies to identify credibility of sources. Research sources to determine credibility/sponsorship/affiliations 	 Rely on only credible sources for academic research and general information. Identify and avoid biased language

LANGUAGE Conform to conventions of standard English.	12.CC.11.P: Demonstrate command of standard English when indicated or appropriate. See specific language standards for grammar and style concepts.	 Correctly use a variety of sentence structures. Eliminate run ons and sentence fragments. Use appropriate levels of formality for intended audience and purpose. 	 Edit writing for clarity and conciseness. Produce academic and professional prose free of grammatical errors.
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VBHS English Language Arts Essential Skills & Standards by Grade Level

11th Essential Skill	Standards	11th Begin	11th Mastery End
READING Read critically to evaluate writer's message and/or rhetorical or literary choices.	11.RC.4.RF: Demonstrate reading comprehension of age and grade-appropriate texts by speaking or writing. See vocabulary standards for specific	 Read at grade level. Understand literary devices and techniques. Understand purpose and intended audience for its overall effectiveness Achieve independent reading stamina Individual annotation with purpose - not based on quantity. 	 Read short grade level material independently Identify literary and rhetorical devices and techniques Identify purpose and intended audience Annotate with direction.

WRITING Effectively write short compositions and more substantial essays across a variety of genres.	reading comprehension skills. 11.W.4.P: Construct clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.	 Write well-organized, fully developed academic essays. Develop an appropriately complex thesis statement. Support a thesis. Effectively connect support back to a thesis. Engage effectively in the entire writing process, including pre-writing and revision. Integrate textual evidence into their own writing. 	 Write well -organized academic essays Identify and compose a clear thesis to accomplish the assigned purpose Identify relevant evidence Explain the relevance of the evidence Understand the steps of the writing process, including prewriting and revision! Use textual evidence
SPEAKING & LISTENING Actively participate in discussions of academic or social consequence.	Initiate and express ideas in a collaborative setting, using and adapting effective discussion strategies appropriately. Incc.7.P: Present claims, findings, and supporting evidence concisely, logically, and appropriately to purpose, audience, and task. Incc.10.P: Adapt speech to a variety of audiences,	 Listen respectfully. Disagree respectfully. Use academic language, avoiding slang. Use evidence to support your assertions or refute opposing ideas. Make condensed, appropriate inferences 	 Identify appropriate word choice Acknowledge opposing views Form viewpoints based on logic Make inferences appropriately

	contexts, and tasks, using appropriate body language, tone, style, and pacing.		
RESEARCH Conduct research using a range of available print and electronic resources and use findings in reading, writing and oral communication.	11.W.13.R: Conduct short and sustained research, synthesizing information from multiple sources to answer a question or solve a problem, narrowing or broadening the inquiry when appropriate.	 Conduct an advanced search to find academically appropriate resources. Use effective search terms. Connect research findings to your own ideas and the ideas of others ideas appropriately, Proficient in MLA formatting. 	 Be familiar with MLA format Research beyond generic Google search
Evaluate the credibility of your own ideas and the ideas of others, including those expressed in print and multimedia content.	11.W.14.R: Assess the credibility and accuracy of sources, using scholarly databases when appropriate.	 Identify biased language. Use strategies to identify credibility of sources. Research sources to determine credibility/sponsorship/affiliations. 	 Differentiate between fact and opinion Know what a credible source is Identify sponsors/affiliations of sources
LANGUAGE Conform to conventions of standard English.	11.CC.11.P: Demonstrate command of standard English when indicated or appropriate.	 Correctly use a variety of sentence structures. Eliminate run ons and sentence fragments. Use appropriate levels of formality for intended audience and purpose. 	 Know the different sentence structures Identify run-ons and fragments Distinguish between formal and informal language.

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10th Essential Skill	10th Essential Standard	10th Grade End
READING Read critically to evaluate writer's message and/or rhetorical or literary choices.	10.RC.4.RF: Demonstrate reading comprehension of age and grade-appropriate texts by speaking or writing. See vocabulary standards for specific reading comprehension skills	 Identify and Analyze Literary Devices Characterization Annotate with purpose Responding to literature with literary analysis
WRITING	10.W.4.P: Construct clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.	 Using appropriate text evidence (analysis, inference) Summary vs. Analysis. Paraphrasing Write effective counterclaims Structure of essay

Effectively write short compositions and more substantial essays across a variety of genres.		 Topic sent. Transitional Sent. Evidence Analysis Develop academic thesis statements Theme vs. Topic
SPEAKING & LISTENING Actively participate in discussions of academic or social consequence.	 11.CC.1.SLC: Initiate and express ideas in a collaborative setting, using and adapting effective discussion strategies appropriately. 11.CC.7.P: Present claims, findings, and supporting evidence concisely, logically, and appropriately to purpose, audience, and task. 11.CC.10.P: Adapt speech to a variety of audiences, contexts, and tasks, using appropriate body language, tone, style, and pacing. 	 Participate in whole group and small group discussion in way reinforces academic growth Discuss and analyze between different multiple sources of reading. Active listening.
RESEARCH Conduct research using a range of available print and electronic resources and use findings in reading, writing and oral communication.	11.W.13.R: Conduct short and sustained research, synthesizing information from multiple sources to answer a question or solve a problem, narrowing or broadening the inquiry when appropriate.	 MLA Format Times New Roman/12pt font Headers/Page Numbers Information Box Title Spacing Parenthetical Citations Work Cited
Evaluate the credibility of your own ideas and the ideas of others, including those expressed in print and multimedia content.	11.W.14.R: Assess the credibility and accuracy of sources, using scholarly databases when appropriate.	

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Conform to conventions of standard English.

11.CC.11.P:

Demonstrate command of standard English when indicated or appropriate.

See specific language standards for grammar and style concepts.

- Semicolons
- Sentence Structure (Phrases vs. Clauses)
- Review Basic Grammar