

Speaking and Listening (SL) Anchor Standard 1

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

The Speaking and Listening Standard 1 focuses on students' abilities to participate effectively in discussions, understand and evaluate spoken information, and collaborate with others to build and deepen understanding. This Speaking and Listening Standard is paired with:

- Reading Literary Standards
- Reading Informational Standards
- Writing Standards
- Language Standards

The Speaking and Listening Standard 1 at a Glance:

- **Grades 6-8:** Students participate in discussions by analyzing and responding to others' ideas and reasoning. They ask and respond to questions that promote deeper exploration and reflection. Students acknowledge new information and revise their views when appropriate. They evaluate spoken information presented in diverse formats and media and delineate and assess a speaker's argument, identifying claims, reasoning, supporting evidence.

- **Grades 9-12:** Students initiate and participate in structured, collaborative discussions, integrate multiple sources of information, and evaluate the effectiveness of reasoning and evidence in a speaker's argument. Students are expected to lead and contribute to rich, purposeful discussions that explore complex ideas across disciplines. They synthesize information from multiple sources and evaluate a speaker's use of reasoning, rhetoric, and evidence. Focus is placed on articulating positions with clarity and persuasiveness, engaging in civil discourse, and demonstrating command of formal discussion norms in academic and real-world settings.

Key Words/Terms: Collaborative conversations, active listening, questioning, descriptive language, recounting experience, discussion norms, summarizing, reporting, organizational structure, evaluating arguments, clarifying points, diverse media, speaker analysis, logical reasoning

Speaking and Listening Standard 1 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Levels: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
SL1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.	SL1 Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9-10 topics , texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively .	SL1 Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11-12 topics , texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

Essential Skills and Knowledge:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Levels: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
SL1.a Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion. - Demonstrate the behaviors of an effective student by completing and reflecting on assigned reading. - Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of	SL1.a Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. Apply the reading strategies and the research process independently.	SL1.a Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. Apply reading strategies and the research process independently.

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what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. - Take purposeful notes in preparation for discussion, using highlighting, outlines, journals, and other techniques as appropriate. - Identify the main ideas under discussion and apply higher order questions that yield a deeper analysis of those ideas. • Conduct focused research as necessary to prepare for discussions. - Access prior knowledge to extend the topic under discussion. SL1.b Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed. - Apply self-monitoring strategies to establish and adjust appropriate tone, body language, and vocabulary.	- Choose, apply, and maintain an organizational structure appropriate to the purpose. - Demonstrate comfort and independence in collaborative groups such as literature circles, fishbowl discussions, and Socratic seminar. - Brainstorm and make connections to issues in material under study. - Evaluate usefulness, bias, and validity of material under study. SL1.b Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed. - Demonstrate independence in decision-making, goal setting, and deadlines.	- Choose, apply, and maintain an organizational structure appropriate to the purpose. - Demonstrate comfort and independence in collaborative groups such as literature circles, fishbowl discussions, and Socratic seminar. - Brainstorm and make connections to issues in material under study. - Evaluate usefulness, bias, and validity of material under study. SL1.b Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed. - Demonstrate independence in decision-making, goal setting, and deadlines. - Demonstrate comfort and independence in the participation of collegial discussions.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Levels: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
• Come to consensus on a framework for a collegial discussion. • Redirect the discussion as needed to meet goals and deadlines. • Organize the group by assuming specific roles as needed. SL1.c Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed. • Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text • Select and apply levels of questions to solicit elaboration and exploration of a variety of ideas and information.	• Demonstrate comfort and independence in the participation of collegial discussions. SL1.c Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions. • Demonstrate comfort and independence with open-ended questions and shared inquiry. • Monitor discussions for clarity, relevancy, and dissemination of ideas and information. • Elicit participation and opinions; and appropriately challenge ideas. • Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English and usage when speaking.	• Apply democratic decision making independently (e.g., voting, reaching consensus). SL1.c Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that probe reasoning and evidence; ensure a hearing for a full range of positions on a topic or issue; clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions; and promote divergent and creative perspectives. • Demonstrate comfort and independence with open-ended questions and shared inquiry. • Monitor discussions for clarity, relevancy, and dissemination of ideas and information. • Elicit participation and opinions and appropriately challenge ideas. • Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English and usage when speaking.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Levels: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
- Demonstrate collegiality when asking and responding to questions and comments. - Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. SL1.d Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. - Attend to the contributions of others by paraphrasing or summarizing new evidence. - Adjust their opinions as necessary based on credible evidence.	SL1.d Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented. - Paraphrase, summarize, justify, and synthesize information and ideas during discussion. - Connect with different points of view, remain open-minded, and reassess viewpoints. - Understand and use appropriate professional persuasive techniques and conflict-resolution skills. - Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English and usage when speaking.	SL1.d Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives; synthesize comments, claims, and evidence made on all sides of an issue; resolve contradictions when possible; and determine what additional information or research is required to deepen the investigation or complete the task. - Paraphrase, summarize, justify, and synthesize information and ideas during discussion. - Connect with different points of view, remain open-minded, and reassess viewpoints. - Understand and use appropriate professional persuasive techniques and conflict-resolution skills. - Identify and explain next steps and/or additional research for further investigation. - Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English and usage when speaking.

Speaking and Listening (SL) Anchor Standard 2

Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

The Speaking and Listening Standard 2 emphasizes the development of clear, coherent, and well-structured oral presentations using appropriate facts, evidence, and media, tailored to the audience and purpose. This Speaking and Listening Standard is paired with:

- Language Standards
- Writing Standards
- Reading Literary Standards
- Reading Informational Standards

Speaking and Listening Standard 2 at a Glance:

- **Grades 6-8:** Students present claims and findings in a logical sequence with clear reasoning and relevant evidence, use effective delivery techniques including eye contact, volume, and pronunciation. They incorporate multimedia and visual elements to clarify and enhance their message and modify speech style, tone, and content based on the context, task, and audience.
- **Grades 9-12:** Students craft and deliver sophisticated presentations that clearly and persuasively convey complex ideas, arguments, or findings. They strategically integrate digital media, adapt speech for different contexts and audiences, and apply advanced rhetorical techniques to inform, influence, or inspire. Mastery of delivery, organization, and audience engagement are key markers at this level.

Key Words/Terms: Report structure, multimedia use, volume and clarity, audience awareness, transitional words, evidence-based presentation, formal speaking, multimedia integration, visual aids, tone and purpose, persuasive techniques, logical sequencing, digital media, style and tone, audience adaptation

Speaking and Listening Standard 2 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Levels: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
SL2 Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind the presentation.	SL2 Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.	SL2 Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) in order to make informed decisions and solve problems, evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source and noting any discrepancies among the data.

Essential Skills and Knowledge:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Levels: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
- Determine the purpose of information presented in diverse media or formats. - Connect specific information presented in diverse media or formats to the larger motive or intent of the text. - Choose the appropriate form of media for a given purpose.	- Demonstrate the behaviors of a strategic reader and listener. - Analyze, synthesize, and evaluate the relevance, bias, and validity of multiple sources of information from print and non-print text. - Choose the appropriate form of media for a given purpose.	- Demonstrate the behaviors of a strategic reader and listener. - Analyze, synthesize, and evaluate the relevance, bias, and validity of multiple sources of information from print and non-print text, noting any discrepancies present in the data. - Choose the appropriate form of media for a given purpose.

Speaking and Listening (SL) Anchor Standard 3

Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric.

The Speaking and Listening Standard 3 emphasizes students' abilities to critically analyze a speaker's arguments, assessing the validity of reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of evidence, as well as the effectiveness of rhetorical strategies. This Speaking and Listening Standard is paired with:

- Language Standards
- Writing Standards
- Reading Literary Standards
- Reading Informational Standards

Speaking and Listening Standard 3 at a Glance:

- **Grades 6-8:** Students delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims. They evaluate the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence. Identify when irrelevant evidence is introduced.
- **Grades 9-12:** Students evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric. They assess the stance, premises, links among ideas, word choice, points of emphasis, and tone used. Students integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media. They evaluate the credibility and accuracy of each source and note any discrepancies among the data.

Key Words/Terms: Argument analysis, claim evaluation, reasoning assessment, evidence relevance, identifying fallacies, rhetorical analysis, point of view, reasoning critique, evidence assessment, tone evaluation, source integration, credibility evaluation, media analysis, data comparison, discrepancy identification

Speaking and Listening Standard 3 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Levels: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
SL3 Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and relevance and sufficiency of the evidence and identifying when irrelevant evidence is introduced.	SL3 Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, identifying any fallacious reasoning or exaggerated or distorted evidence.	SL3 Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, assessing the stance, premises, links among ideas, word choice, points of emphasis, and tone used.

Essential Skills and Knowledge:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Levels: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
• Apply critical listening strategies to determine the speaker's argument and claims. • Determine a central idea of a text analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text. • Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author	• Analyze and evaluate a speaker's evidence, inferences, assumptions, argument, and rhetoric. • Recognize bias, fallacious reasoning, and factual evidence.	• Analyze and evaluate a speaker's evidence, inferences, assumptions, argument, and rhetoric. • Recognize bias, fallacious reasoning, and factual evidence. • Recognize, analyze, and evaluate stance, premise, emphasis, word choice, tone and point of view.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Levels: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints. • Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced. • Align specific claims to their supporting reasons to identify gaps in support. • Identify evidence that is irrelevant to the claim(s) and explain the effect of that evidence on the argument. • Identify and explain errors in reasoning and their effect on the argument.		

Speaking and Listening (SL) Anchor Standard 4

Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

The Speaking and Listening Standard 4 helps students develop the skills to present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly and effectively. Students learn to organize their ideas logically, adjust their delivery for various audiences and purposes, and use appropriate speaking techniques and visual aids to enhance understanding and engagement.

- Writing Standards
- Reading Literary Standards
- Reading Informational Standards
- Language Standards

Speaking and Listening Standard 4 at a Glance:

- **Grades 6-8:** Students delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims. They evaluate the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence and identify when irrelevant evidence is introduced. They present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner. Students use pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples and use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
- **Grades 9-12:** Students present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically. They ensure that the development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. They present information, findings, and supporting evidence, conveying a clear and distinct perspective. Students ensure that the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and a range of formal and informal tasks.

Key Words/Terms: Descriptive language, relevant details, clear speech, visual displays, familiar topics, organized reporting, supporting details, speaking pace, volume control, multimedia aids, argument analysis, claim evaluation, reasoning assessment, evidence relevance, identifying fallacies logical presentation, clarity, conciseness, audience awareness, stylistic appropriateness

Speaking and Listening Standard 4 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Levels: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
SL4 Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.	SL4 Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task.	SL4 Present information, findings, and supporting evidence, conveying a clear and distinct perspective, such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning, alternative or opposing perspectives are addressed, and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and a range of formal and informal tasks.

Essential Skills and Knowledge:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Levels: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
• Adopt the behaviors of effective speakers as appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. • Justify the inclusion of evidence and details that most effectively present claims and emphasize important points.	• Organize information, ideas, evidence, and claims clearly, concisely, and logically with attention to the needs of the audience, purpose, and task. • Apply appropriate non-verbal communication to contribute to	• Organize information, ideas, evidence, and claims clearly, concisely, and logically with attention to the needs of the audience, purpose, and a range of formal and informal tasks. • Apply appropriate non-verbal communication to contribute to

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Levels: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
• Verify and explain the reasoning used to select and organize evidence and details. • Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	meaning and enhance presentation. • Refine the behaviors of an effective speaker as appropriate to the task, audience, and purpose. • Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English and usage when speaking.	meaning and enhance a presentation. • Demonstrate attention to audience interest, values, biases, and concerns by using rhetorical appeals and by acknowledging and/or refuting opposing positions and opinions. • Refine the behaviors of an effective speaker as appropriate to the task, audience, and purpose. • Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English and usage when speaking.

Speaking and Listening (SL) Anchor Standard 5

Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays of data to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.

The Speaking and Listening Standards focuses on students' ability to strengthen presentations by strategically using digital media and visual elements. Students learn how to select and integrate multimedia components that clarify their message, engage their audience, and emphasize key points in their presentations.

- Language Standards
- Writing Standards
- Reading Literary Standards
- Reading Informational Standards

Speaking and Listening Standard 5 at a Glance:

- **Grades 6-8:** Students integrate multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and emphasize important points. They choose media formats that best support the purpose of the presentation.
- **Grades 9-12:** Students make strategic use of digital media in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence. They add interest and aid comprehension through the use of digital elements, making strategic use of digital media in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence. Students employ digital elements to add interest and depth to the presentation.

Key Words/Terms: Drawings, visual aids, idea support, communication clarity, early multimedia, visual displays, multimedia, idea support, theme enhancement, aligned visuals multimedia integration, visual clarification, salient emphasis, digital tools, presentation aids, digital media strategy, comprehension enhancement, reasoning support, evidence visualization, audience engagement, strategic digital use, depth enhancement, reasoning illustration, evidence support, multimedia sophistication

Speaking and Listening Standard 5 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Levels: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grades 11-12
SL5 Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.	SL5 Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.	SL5 Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.

Essential Skills and Knowledge:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Levels: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grades 11-12
• Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, sound) and visual displays in presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes. • Select or create and justify the inclusion of multimedia and visual displays. • Follow fair use policies when incorporating multimedia components from other sources.	• Demonstrate strategic use of a variety of digital media. • Integrate digital media into presentations appropriately to support the purpose; address the audience; and enhance the presentation.	• Demonstrate strategic use of a variety of digital media. • Integrate digital media into presentations appropriately to support the purpose; address the audience; and enhance the presentation.

Speaking and Listening (SL) Anchor Standard 6

Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and communicative tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

Speaking and Listening Standard 6 guides students in adjusting their speech based on audience, purpose, and situation. As students grow, they learn to shift between informal and formal language, control tone and style, and communicate effectively in a wide range of contexts, from casual discussions to formal presentations. This Standard is paired with:

- Language Standards
- Writing Standards
- Reading Literary Standards
- Reading Informational Standards

Speaking and Listening Standard 6 at a Glance:

- **Grades 6-8:** Students speak clearly and at an appropriate pace and volume for the setting. Adapt speech to various contexts, such as conversations, presentations, or classroom discussions, using appropriate language for each.
- **Grades 9-12:** Students adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks and demonstrate a strong command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

Key Words/Terms: Clear speech, audible voice, expression, context awareness, informal vs. formal, audience awareness, formal English, vocabulary adjustment, task-appropriate speech, tone control, contextual adaptation, task-specific language, formal English usage, audience consideration, speech modulation, speech adaptability, formal register, situational language, audience tailoring, communicative appropriateness

Speaking and Listening Standard 6 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Levels: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grades 11-12
SL6 Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.	SL6 Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.	SL6 Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

Essential Skills and Knowledge:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Levels: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grades 11-12
Demonstrate control of spoken language by adjusting speech to varying contexts and tasks.	Adjust and apply formal and informal English in appropriate situations, contexts, and tasks.	Adjust and apply formal and informal English in appropriate situations, contexts, and tasks.