

# 7th Grade Essentials

## Language Arts - Reading

- ✓ Defines the purpose for reading and uses strategies appropriate to genre and purpose
- ✓ Applies reading strategies consistently when reading increasingly complex narrative and informational texts to monitor comprehension
- ✓ Reads to determine the meanings and pronunciations of unfamiliar words and phrases
- ✓ Draws conclusion and makes inferences based on explicit and implied information
- ✓ Explains author's purpose, point of view, and possible bias in increasingly complex material
- ✓ Analyzes content and defends ideas through the use of persuasion
- ✓ Applies multiple strategies to read and understand varied texts used for research
- ✓ Organizes and synthesizes research information to complete research projects
- ✓ Evaluates setting, character development, plot structure, theme, and conflict
- ✓ Describes the impact of word choice, imagery, and poetic devices

## **Language Arts - Writing**

- ✓ Gathers and organizes information by using a variety of planning strategies
- ✓ Creates cohesive multiple paragraph essays that convey a clear focus with clarifying details and examples that reflect purpose and audience
- ✓ Applies the components of paragraph structure
- ✓ Creates cohesive informational writing that conveys a clear focus that considers purpose and audience
- ✓ Creates cohesive functional writing that conveys a clear focus that considers purpose and audience
- ✓ Uses a variety of graphic organizers to analyze and improve sentence formation and paragraph structure
- ✓ Employs elements of composing and revising techniques to publish and share written pieces
- ✓ Applies knowledge of the eight parts of speech in context
- ✓ Defines and uses standard grammatical structures in writing
- ✓ Edits for punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing
- ✓ Proofreads and edits for mechanics and conventions
- ✓ Organizes and synthesizes research information to complete research projects
- ✓ Creates accurately documented oral and written projects
- ✓ Creates cohesive narrative writing that conveys a clear focus that considers purpose and audience