

## Bulls-Eye Prioritizing Tool for Medford School District

You will need a copy of the CCSS ELA Standards in Writing, Speaking and Listening, and Language. Rate each of the standards using the 5-fold filter lens. You will first conduct the coding process *alone*. Later, you will share your codings with your grade-level team and *work collaboratively* to reach an agreement on *one* final prioritized code for *each* standard.\*

<p style="text-align: center;">Critical Standard= ✓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Need to Know Standards= +</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Still Need to Know Standard= -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Can't Decide= ?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>*REMEMBER:</b> Your team's final total number of tallies in Writing, Speaking/ Listening, and Language should equal: ~50% ✓ ~25% + ~25% -</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Five- Fold Filter Lens</b></p> <p><b>What do our students need for independency and being prepared for College/Career readiness... ?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Endurance:</b> <i>this standard provides knowledge and skills not just for current academic needs, but for professional and personal life as well.</i></li> <li>2. <b>Leverage:</b> <i>this discipline specific standard enables a student to be proficient or excel in other disciplines.</i></li> <li>3. <b>Readiness:</b> <i>this standard provides essential knowledge or skills needed for the next grade level or series of grade level courses.</i></li> <li>4. <b>Accountability:</b> <i>this standard is explicitly measured on assessment- any test, any time.</i></li> <li>5. <b>Global Connections:</b> <i>this standard asks students to investigate the world beyond their immediate environment; recognize their own and others' perspectives; communicate their ideas effectively with diverse audiences; translate their ideas and findings into appropriate actions to improve conditions.</i></li> </ol>
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Grade Level: 9    Total # Standards: 56

Priority Rating	Standard Area	Standard & Sub-standard #	Notes
	<b>Writing</b>		<b>REVISED</b>
	<b>Text Types and Purposes</b>		
✓		<b>W.9.1</b>	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
+		<b>W.9.1.a</b>	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
✓		<b>W.9.1.b</b>	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
+		<b>W.9.1.c</b>	Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

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✓		<b>W.9.1.d</b>	Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
+		<b>W.9.1.e</b>	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
✓		<b>W.9.2</b>	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
✓		<b>W.9.2.a</b>	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
✓		<b>W.9.2.b</b>	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
✓		<b>W.9.2.c</b>	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
+		<b>W.9.2.d</b>	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
✓		<b>W.9.2.e</b>	Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
✓		<b>W.9.2.f</b>	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
✓		<b>W.9.3</b>	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
✓		<b>W.9.3.a</b>	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create a smooth progression of experiences or events.
✓		<b>W.9.3.b</b>	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
+		<b>W.9.3.c</b>	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.
✓		<b>W.9.3.d</b>	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.
✓		<b>W.9.3.e</b>	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.

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	<b>Production and Distribution of Writing</b>		
✓		<b>W.9.4</b>	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
✓		<b>W.9.5</b>	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grades 9–10 on page 55.)
✓		<b>W.9.6</b>	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology’s capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
	<b>Research to Build and Present Knowledge</b>		
✓		<b>W.9.7</b>	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
✓		<b>W.9.8</b>	Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
✓		<b>W.9.9</b>	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
✓		<b>W.9.9.a</b>	Apply grades 9–10 Reading standards to literature (e.g., “Analyze how an author draws on and transforms source material in a specific work [e.g., how Shakespeare treats a theme or topic from Ovid or the Bible or how a later author draws on a play by Shakespeare]”).
+		<b>W.9.9.b</b>	Apply grades 9–10 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and fallacious reasoning”).
	<b>Range of Writing</b>		

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✓		<b>W.9.10</b>	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
	<b>Speaking and Listening</b>	<b>Standard #</b>	<b>REVISED</b>
	<b>Comprehension and Collaboration</b>		
+		<b>SL.9.1</b>	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.
✓		<b>SL.9.1.a</b>	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.
+		<b>SL.9.1.b</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.
+		<b>SL.9.1.c</b>	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.
+		<b>SL.9.1.d</b>	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.
✓		<b>SL.9.2</b>	Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.
✓		<b>SL.9.3</b>	Evaluate a speaker’s point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, identifying any fallacious reasoning or exaggerated or distorted evidence.
	<b>Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas</b>		
✓		<b>SL.9.4</b>	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.

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+		<b>SL.9.5</b>	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.
-		<b>SL.9.6</b>	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grades 9–10 Language standards 1 and 3 on pages 54 for specific expectations.)
	<b>Language</b>	<b>Standard #</b>	<b>REVISED</b>
	<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>		
✓		<b>L.9.1</b>	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
✓		<b>L.9.1.a</b>	Use parallel structure.*
+		<b>L.9.1.b</b>	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, adverbial, participial, prepositional, absolute) and clauses (independent, dependent; noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
✓		<b>L.9.2</b>	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
✓		<b>L.9.2.a</b>	Use a semicolon (and perhaps a conjunctive adverb) to link two or more closely related independent clauses.
+		<b>L.9.2.b</b>	Use a colon to introduce a list or quotation.
+		<b>L.9.2.c</b>	Spell correctly.
	<b>Knowledge of Language</b>		
+		<b>L.9.3</b>	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
✓		<b>L.9.3.a</b>	Write and edit work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a style manual (e.g., MLA Handbook, Turabian’s Manual for Writers) appropriate for the discipline and writing type.
	<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>		
+		<b>L.9.4</b>	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

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+		<b>L.9.4.a</b>	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
✓		<b>L.9.4.b</b>	Identify and correctly use patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech (e.g., analyze, analysis, analytical; advocate, advocacy).
+		<b>L.9.4.c</b>	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, its part of speech, or its etymology.
-		<b>L.9.4.d</b>	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
-		<b>L.9.5</b>	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
+		<b>L.9.5.a</b>	Interpret figures of speech (e.g., euphemism, oxymoron) in context and analyze their role in the text.
+		<b>L.9.5.b</b>	Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.
+		<b>L.9.6</b>	6. Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.