When writing the students	will:			
K	1	2	3	4
Benchmark 1 organiz	e text in paragraphs with cle	ar beginning, middle, and end	i	
* explore sequence by writing stories with scribbles, pictures, letters	* experiment with sequencing of sentences	* attempt to organize ideas in a logical sequence – beginning middle end	* organize ideas in a logical sequence with assistance – beginning middle end	 * write paragraphs with a recognizable introduction, middle and conclusion * arrange events in a logical sequence * attempt use of transitions
Benchmark 2 develop	a main idea through some s	upporting details		
* explore main idea orally* begin to focus on a main idea	* focus on a main idea when writing	* stay focused on a main idea when writing * add supporting details	* participate in modeled writing of topic sentences and detail sentences	 develop a main idea by writing a topic sentence wit supporting details
Benchmark 3 demons	strate awareness of personal	voice, sentence structure, and	word choice	
Voice * communicate feelings Sentence Structure * explore sentences through scribbles, pictures, letters Word Choice * explore new vocabulary	Voice * attempt to express feelings Sentence Structure * write simple sentences Word Choice * experiment with interesting words in a natural way	Voice * begin to show feeling Sentence Structure * write simple sentences using nouns, verbs and adjectives * begin to write compound sentences Word Choice * attempt to use interesting words in a natural way	Voice * experiment to become individual and expressive Sentence Structure * write simple and compound sentences using nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs Word Choice * begin to use interesting words in a natural way	Voice * experiment to become individual and expressive Sentence Structure * write clear and concise simple and compound sentences using nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs Word Choice * use words in an interesting and natural way to create descriptive language

When writing the students v	vill:			
K	1	2	3	4
Benchmark 4 apply co	onventions of standard written	English (e.g., spelling, punctu	ation, usage) appropriate for g	rade level and purpose
Spelling * begin to use letter/sound correspondence Capitalization * begin to use upper and lower case letters Punctuation * explore punctuation Grammar/Usage * participate in language experience activities	Spelling * spell grade level words in final draft * experiment with spelling higher level vocabulary words Capitalization * begin to capitalize name, first word of sentence, pronoun I, and people's name * use upper and lower case letters Punctuation * begin to use periods and question mark Grammar/Usage * compose sentences with subject-verb agreement	Spelling * spell grade level words in final draft * experiment with spelling higher level vocabulary words Capitalization * capitalize name, first word of a sentence, pronoun I, and people's name Punctuation * use period, question mark, exclamation mark Grammar/Usage * compose sentences with subject-verb agreement * begin to recognize nouns and verbs	Spelling * spell grade level words in final draft * experiment with spelling higher level vocabulary Capitalization * capitalize name, first word of a sentence, pronoun I, and proper nouns Punctuation * use period, question mark, exclamation mark * use commas for day, month and year, greetings and closing of letters, cities and states * begin to use apostrophes in contractions and singular possessives * begin to use a period at the end of abbreviation Grammar/Usage	Spelling * spell grade level words in final draft * experiment with spelling higher level vocabulary Capitalization * capitalize name, first word of a sentence, pronoun I, and proper nou use capitalization correctly in final draft Punctuation * use period, question mark, exclamate mark * use commas for day, month and year greetings and closing of letters, citic and states * use apostrophes in contractions and begin to use singular possessives * use a period at the end of abbreviati * use commas for words in a series and series are series and series and series are series and series and series are ser
			compose sentences with subject-verb agreement recognize nouns and verbs	quotes * begin to use simple quotation mark
				Grammar/Usage compose sentence with subject-veagreement recognize nouns, verbs, adjectives

When writing the students w	ill:			
<i>K</i>	1	2	3	4
Benchmark 1 plan wri	ting by generating and organi	izing ideas and by considering	purpose and audience	
 plan writing by talking and/or drawing discuss writing for a variety of purposes 	 * select topic * make a plan for drafting (e.g., talking, drawing, graphic organizers) * write for a variety of purposes 	 * select topic * make a plan for drafting (e.g., talking, drawing, graphic organizer) * write for a variety of purposes 	* selects topic * select purpose and audience with guidance * make a plan for drafting (e.g., talking, drawing, graphic organizer)	* select topic * select purpose and audience * make a plan for drafting (e.g., talking drawing, graphic organizer)
Benchmark 2 write a d	raft that captures and organi	zes ideas		
* verbalize a pre-writing draft	* use pre-writing plan to write draft	* use pre-writing plan to write draft	* use pre-writing plan to write draft	* use pre-writing plan to write draft
Benchmark 3 revise wi	riting at the word, sentence, a	nd paragraph levels using feed	lback and guidance from other	L ES
* confer with instructor for feedback	* confer with instructor for feedback	begin to self-revise confer with instructor for feedback in order to revise draft	self-revise confer with instructor and begin to confer with peers for feedback in order to revise draft	self-revise confer with instructor/peers for feedback in order to revise draft
Benchmark 4 edit, with	n assistance, by correcting err	ors (e.g., grammar, capitalizati	ion, punctuation, spelling, usag	(e)
* confer with instructor for feedback	* confer with instructor for feedback on editing for capitals and end punctuation	begin to self-edit for capitals confer with instructor for feedback on end punctuation	self-edit with assistance confer with instructor and begin to confer with peers for feedback on spelling and grammar	self-edit for capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and grammar confer with instructor/peers for feedback
Benchmark 5 share/pu	blish a legible final product			
* produce finished written product to share	* produce finished written product to share	* produce finished written product to share	* produce finished written product to share	* produce finished written product to share

When writing the students v	vill:			
K	1	2	3	4
Benchmark 1 set goals	s and become aware of success	in own and others' writing		
with guidance set personal writing goal give and receive verbal feedback on own and other's writing with teacher modeling	 with guidance set personal writing goal select from a variety of strategies for self evaluation to measure success with teacher assistance portfolio rubric writing inventory reflective journal 	 with guidance set personal writing goal select from a variety of strategies for self/peer evaluation to measure success with teacher guidance portfolio rubric writing inventory reflective journal 	 with guidance set personal writing goal select from a variety of strategies for self/peer evaluation to measure success with teacher guidance portfolio rubric writing inventory reflective journal 	 with guidance set personal writing goa select from a variety of strategies for self/peer evaluation to measure succes portfolio rubric writing inventory reflective journal
	riting with others, listen to res			
 share writing or illustrations with others listen to responses, ask questions and offer positive comments to others with teacher modeling 	share writing with others listen to responses, ask questions and offer positive comments to others with teacher modeling	 * share writing with others * listen to responses, ask questions and offer positive comments to others with teacher assistance 	share writing with others listen to responses, ask questions and offer positive comments to others with teacher guidance	 * share writing with others * listen to responses, ask questions and offer positive comments to others
Benchmark 3 identify	his/her strengths as a writer			
* see self as an author	review their work with teacher assistance (re-read, peer review, portfolios, rubrics) consider comments (rubric and peer/group review)	review their work with teacher guidance (re-read, peer review, portfolios, rubrics) consider comments (rubric and peer/group review)	review their work with teacher guidance (re-read, peer review, portfolios, rubrics) consider comments (rubric and peer/group review)	review their work with teacher modeling (re-read, peer review, portfolios, rubrics) consider comments (rubric and peer/group review)

When writing the students w	vill:			
K	1	2	3	4
Benchmark 1 identify	the purpose for their writing ar	nd write appropriately		
* explore different purposes for writing	* determine the reason for writing (to entertain, instruct, describe, inform, reflect, persuade) with teacher modeling	* determine the reason for writing (to entertain, instruct, describe, inform, reflect, persuade) with teacher assistance	determine the reason for writing (to entertain, instruct, describe, inform, reflect, persuade) with teacher guidance choose appropriate style for purpose of writing	determine the reason for writing (to entertain, instruct, describe, inform, reflect, persuade) choose appropriate style for purpose of writing
Benchmark 2 choose a	udiences (e.g., self, peers, adult	s) appropriate to purposes ar	nd topics	
* explore writing for different audiences	* decide to whom they are writing with teacher assistance	* decide to whom they are writing with teacher guidance	decide to whom they are writing with teacher guidance	* Decide to whom they are writing
* explore various types of writing suggestions: - picture story - word story	* explore various types of writing suggestions: - poetry - autobiography	* compose various types of writing suggestions: - autobiography - biography - poetry	* compose various types of writing suggestions: - poetry - autobiography - biography	* compose various types of writing suggestions: - poetry - autobiography - biography - fairy tales - tall tales

When writing the students	will:			
K	1	2	3	4
Benchmark 1 identif	y the characteristics of different	forms (poetry, fiction, non-fic	ction, technical, simple report)	
* explore different forms	* identify the characteristics of different forms with teacher modeling (e.g., letter writing and poetry)	* identify the characteristics of different forms with teacher guidance (e.g., letter writing and poetry)	* identify the characteristics of different forms with teacher guidance (e.g., letter writing and poetry)	* identify the characteristics of different forms (e.g., letter writing and poetry)
Benchmark 2 write u	sing characteristics of different	forms		
* explore using different forms (e.g., sketches, letters, sentences, stories)	* compose different forms with teacher modeling - descriptive writing - narrative writing - expository writing - persuasive writing suggestions: - journal writing - friendly letter - short story	* compose different forms with teacher assistance - descriptive writing - narrative writing - expository writing - persuasive writing suggestions: - journal writing - friendly letter - short story	* compose different forms with teacher guidance - descriptive writing - narrative writing - expository writing - persuasive writing suggestions: - journal writing - friendly letter - short story - simple report	* compose different forms - descriptive writing - narrative writing - expository writing - persuasive writing suggestions: - journal writing - friendly letter - short story - "how to" - simple report

When writing the students	will:			
K	1	2	3	4
Benchmark 1 pose qu	estions or identify problems			
* pose questions on topic with teacher modeling	* pose questions on topic with teacher assistance	* pose questions or identify problems on topic with teacher guidance	* pose questions or identify problems on topic to explore	* pose questions or identify problems on a topic to explore
Benchmark 2 use sele	ected technologies and informa	tion sources		
* explore using selected technologies and information sources	* locate and use information from a variety of sources (e.g., books, reference materials, media) with teacher assistance	* locate and use information from a variety of sources (e.g., books, reference materials, media, internet, personal interview) with teacher guidance	* locate and use information from a variety of sources (e.g., books, reference materials, media, internet, personal interview) with teacher guidance	* locate and use information from a variety of sources (e.g., books, reference materials, media, internet, personal interviews)
Benchmark 3 identify	explanations or solutions, and	draw a conclusion based on th	e information	
* explore drawing conclusions based on the information	* explore drawing conclusions based on the information	select relevant information, then draw conclusions that answer questions or solve problems	* select relevant information, then draw conclusions that answer questions or solve problems	select relevant information, then draw conclusions that answer questions or solve problems
Benchmark 4 share in	 nformation in appropriate way	s for intended audiences		
* produces finished written material	* produce finished written material	* produce finished written product	* produce finished written product	* produce finished written product
* share with audience in appropriate format	* share with an audience in an appropriate format (e.g., written, oral)	* share with an audience in an appropriate format (e.g., written, oral, multi-media presentation)	* share with an audience in an appropriate format (e.g., written, oral, multi-media presentation)	* share with an audience in an appropriate format (e.g., written, oral multi-media presentation)

Writing Content Standard 1	Students write clearly and	d effectively	
When writing students will:			
5	6	7	8
Benchmark 1 organize text in	n paragraphs with clear beginning, i	middle, and end using transitions an	d logical sequence.
* continue to write paragraphs with a recognizable beginning, middle, and end that follow a logical order	 write paragraphs with a clear beginning, middle, and end that follow a logical order 	* compose paragraphs with a well- defined beginning, middle, and end that follow a logical order	* compose paragraphs with an inviting beginning, detailed middle, and strong ending that follow a logical sequence
* use transitions to connect ideas	* practice transitions to connect ideas	 practice using appropriate transitions to make logical connections 	* select thoughtful transitions to effectively and smoothly connect ideas
Benchmark 2 develop a main	idea through relevant supporting d	etails	
* write a topic sentence that defines the main idea	* write a topic sentence that clearly defines the main idea	* write a topic sentence that defines the main idea	* write a topic sentence that defines the main idea
* write three supporting sentences using related details	* write at least three supporting sentences using related details	* write several supporting sentences using accurate details	* use relevant details to precisely develop and enhance the main idea
Benchmark 3 demonstrate so	ome control of personal voice, senter	nce structure, and word choice.	
Voice * attempt to personalize their writing Sentence Fluency * compose basic simple and compound sentences with some modifiers Word Choice * use new and different words to create descriptive language	Voice * continue to develop a personal voice Sentence Fluency * compose expanded simple and compound sentences Word Choice * use more specific words to describe ideas	Voice * continue to develop an authentic personal voice Sentence Fluency * use simple compound and complex sentences Word Choice * choose words that effectively capture meanings and images	 Voice * speak directly to the reader with individual expression Sentence Fluency * consistently use a variety of sentence structures Word Choice * choose words that accurately and expressively convey thoughts

When writing students will:			
5	6	7	8
Benchmark 4 apply convent	ions of standard written English (e.g	,, spelling, punctuation, usage) appro	opriate for grade level and purpos
* spell grade-level words in final draft	* spell grade-level words in final draft	* spell grade-level words in final draft	* spell grade-level words in final draft
* attempt to spell higher level vocabulary	* attempt to spell higher level vocabulary	* attempt to spell higher level vocabulary	* attempt to spell higher level vocabulary
* use capitalization and end punctuation	* use capitalization and end punctuation	* use capitalization and end punctuation	* use capitalization and end punctuation
* begin to use a comma in compound sentences	* use commas to punctuate compound sentences	* punctuate compound sentences	* apply complex punctuation to a variety of sentences
 use commas after introductory words use quotation marks use apostrophes correctly in 	* begin to use more complex punctuation: semicolons, dashes, colons, hyphens, parentheses, underlining	* continue to use more complex punctuation: semicolons, dashes, colons, hyphens, parentheses, underlining	begin to punctuate compound- complex sentences use correct verb tense
* use apostrophes correctly in contractions and singular possessives	* use quotation marks	* use quotation marks* use correct verb tense	* recognize all parts of speech and the usage in sentences
* compose sentences with subject and verb agreement	* use apostrophes in possessives, both singular and plural	* recognize all parts of speech	* begin to recognize phrases and clauses
 recognize nouns, verbs, and adjectives 	* recognize nouns, verbs (action, non- action, tense), adjectives, adverbs, and simple conjunctions	* recognize appositives, direct objects, predicate adjectives and nouns, and prepositional phrases	
	* recognize sentence parts (complete and simple subject and predicate)		

Writing Content Standard 2	Students apply a range of	f skills and strategies in the wri	ting process.
When writing students will:			
5	6	7	8
Benchmark 1 plan writing by	y generating and organizing ideas th	rough a variety of strategies and by	considering purpose and audience.
* define purpose and audience	* define purpose and audience	* define purpose and audience	* define purpose and audience
* select a topic	* select a specific topic	* select and narrow topic	* select a single distinct topic
* use prewriting strategies to gather and organize details (e.g., brainstorm, lists, graphic organizers)	* use a variety of prewriting strategies to gather and organize details (e.g., brainstorm, lists, graphic organizers)	* use a variety of prewriting strategies to gather and organize details (e.g., brainstorm, lists, graphic organizers)	 * select appropriate prewriting strategy to gather and organize ideas
Benchmark 2 write one or m	ore drafts that capture and organize	e ideas.	
* write first draft using ideas from the prewriting stage	 write first draft based on ideas from the prewriting stage 	* write first draft by developing ideas from the prewriting stage	 write first draft by expanding ideas from the prewriting stage
* decide which details to include and arrange in an order that makes sense	 decide which details to include and how to arrange them 	* arrange details in an understandable order	 arrange details in a purposeful order (e.g., chronologically, spatially, order of importance)
* self-revise draft with teacher modeling	* self-revise draft with teaching modeling	* self-revise the draft as needed	* self-revise draft as needed
Benchmark 3 revise writing	at the word, sentence, and paragrapl	h levels using feedback from others.	
* conference with teacher/peers for feedback	* conference with teacher/peers for feedback	* conference with teacher/peers for feedback	 conference with teacher/peers for feedback
* consider suggestions	* consider suggestions	* consider suggestions	* consider suggestions
* make appropriate revisions to convey a clear message	* make appropriate revisions to convey a clear message and to improve the draft	* make appropriate revisions to convey a clear message and to improve the draft	* make revisions that strengthen the overall structure and clarity of the draft

Writing Content Standard 2	Students apply a range of	f skills and strategies in the wr	iting process.
When writing students will:			
5	6	7	8
Benchmark 4 edit, with some	e assistance, by correcting errors (e.	g., grammar, capitalization, punctua	tion, spelling, usage).
* self-edit written draft to correct errors in conventions	* self-edit written draft to correct errors in conventions	* self-edit written draft to correct errors in conventions	* self-edit written draft to correct errors in conventions
* peer-edit written draft to correct errors in conventions	* peer-edit written draft to correct errors in conventions	* peer-edit written draft to correct errors in conventions	* peer-edit written draft to correct errors in conventions
* conference with teacher, if necessary			
Benchmark 5 share/publish a	l a legible final product,		
* produce finished product to share or present	* produce finished product to share or present	* produce finished product to share or present	* produce finished product to share or present

When writing students will:			
5	6	7	8
Benchmark 1 set goals and a	analyze successes in their own and o	thers' writing.	
* reflect on present writing interests and abilities (writing inventory, portfolio)	* reflect on present writing interests and abilities (writing inventory, portfolio)	* reflect on present writing interests and abilities (writing inventory, portfolio)	* reflect on present writing interests and abilities (writing inventory, portfolio)
establish short-term goals (schedule specific writing time, reflective journal)	* establish short-term goals (schedule specific writing time, reflective journal)	* establish short-term goals (schedule specific writing time, reflective journal)	* establish short-term goals (schedule specific writing time, reflective journal)
* establish long-term goals (monitor writing accomplishments, explore varied writing types)	* establish long-term goals (monitor writing accomplishments, explore varied writing types)	* establish long-term goals (monitor writing accomplishments, explore varied writing types)	* establish long-term goals (monitor writing accomplishments, explore varied writing types)
 * select from a variety of strategies to analyze success - portfolio - rubric - writing inventory - reflective journal 	* select from a variety of strategies to analyze success - portfolio - rubric - writing inventory - reflective journal	* select from a variety of strategies to analyze success - portfolio - rubric - writing inventory - reflective journal	* select from a variety of strategies to analyze success - portfolio - rubric - writing inventory - reflective journal
Benchmark 2 share and disc	uss their own and others' writing fo	r improvement and growth as write	rs.
* conference with peers and teachers * read/listen to pieces of writing	* conference with peers and teachers * read/listen to pieces of writing	* conference with peers and teacher * share opinions and comments	* conference with peers and teacher * share opinions and comments
ask clarifying questions of the writer share opinions and comments	* ask clarifying questions of the writer* share opinions and comments	* respond to piece in an insightful manner re: overall effectiveness	* respond to piece in an insightful manner re: overall effectiveness

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Writing Content Standard 3	Students evaluate and re	flect on their growth as writers		
When writing students will:				
5	6	7	8	
Benchmark 3 identify and de	escribe strengths and weaknesses as	writers.	•	
 review their work with teacher modeling (re-read, peer review, portfolios, rubrics) consider comments (rubrics and peer/group review) note successes and areas of concern (rubrics, conferences, reflective journals) 	 * review their work with teacher modeling (re-read, peer review, portfolios, rubrics) * consider comments (rubrics and peer/group review) * note successes and areas of concern (rubrics, conferences, reflective journals) 	 review their work (re-read, peer review, portfolios, rubrics) consider comments (rubrics and peer/ group review) note successes and areas of concern (rubrics, conferences, reflective journals) 	 * review their work (re-read, peer review, portfolios, rubrics) * consider comments (rubrics and peer/ group review) * note successes and areas of concern (rubrics, conferences, reflective journals) 	

Writing Content Standard 4	Students write for a varie	ety of purposes and audiences.	
When writing students will:			
5	6	7	8
Benchmark 1 identify and a	rticulate the purpose for their writin	g and write appropriately.	
* determine the reason for writing (to entertain, describe, inform, reflect, persuade, explain)	* determine the reason for writing (to entertain, describe, inform, reflect, persuade, explain)	* determine the reason for writing (to entertain, instruct, describe, inform, reflect, persuade)	* determine the reason for writing (to entertain, instruct, describe, inform, reflect, persuade)
* follow the appropriate style that will be the most effective writing approach	* follow the appropriate style that will be the most effective writing approach	* follow the appropriate style that will be the most effective writing approach	* choose the appropriate style that will be the most effective writing approach
		* discuss different approaches available (descriptive, expository, narrative)	* discuss different approaches available (descriptive, expository, narrative, persuasive)
Benchmark 2 choose audien	ces (e.g., self, peers, adults) appropri	iate to purposes and topics.	
* decide to whom they are writing (e.g., teacher, family, newspaper)	* decide to whom they are writing (e.g., teacher, family, newspaper)	* decide to whom they are writing (e.g., teacher, family, newspaper)	* decide to whom they are writing (e.g., teacher, family, newspaper)
* identify the needs of the audience (consider age, prior knowledge, and vocabulary)	* identify the needs of the audience (consider age, prior knowledge, and vocabulary)	* identify the needs of the audience (consider age, prior knowledge, and vocabulary)	* identify the needs of the audience (consider age, prior knowledge, and vocabulary)
Benchmark 3 experience wr	iting in different genres (e.g., narrat	ive writing).	
* compose various kinds of writing suggestions: - poetry - autobiography - fairy tales - tall tales - simple report - historical fiction	* compose various kinds of writing suggestions: - poetry - autobiography - fairy tales - tall tales - simple report - historical fiction - legends/fables - mystery	* compose various kinds of writing suggestions: - poetry - autobiography - fairy tales - tall tales - simple report - historical fiction - legends/fables - mystery - research report - fantasy	* compose various kinds of writing suggestions: - poetry - autobiography - fairy tales - tall tales - simple report - historical fiction - legends/fables - mystery - research report - fantasy

Writing Content Standard 5 Students recognize the structures of various forms and apply these characteristics to their own writing.				
When writing students will:				
5	6	7	8	
Benchmark 1 identify and a	nalyze characteristics of different for	rms (e.g., narrative, journal, technica	d).	
 examine the defining characteristics of a variety of writing forms (e.g., letter format, poem patterns) note similarities and differences among writing forms (e.g., business vs personal letter, haiku vs free verse poetry) 	examine the defining characteristics of a variety of writing forms (e.g., letter format, poem patterns) note similarities and differences among writing forms (e.g., business vs personal letter, haiku vs free verse poetry)	examine the defining characteristics of a variety of writing forms (e.g., letter format, poem patterns) note similarities and differences among writing forms (e.g., business vs personal letter, haiku vs free verse poetry)	examine the defining characteristics of a variety of writing forms (e.g., letter format, poem patterns) note similarities and differences among writing forms (e.g., business vs personal letter, haiku vs free verse poetry)	
Benchmark 2 write using ch	aracteristics of different forms.			
* compose different forms - descriptive writing - narrative writing - expository writing - persuasive writing suggestions: - short stories - plays - journals - friendly and business letters - book reviews - essays - news stories - ads/brochures - interviews - reports	* compose different forms - descriptive writing - narrative writing - expository writing - persuasive writing suggestions: - short stories - plays - journals - friendly and business letters - book reviews - essays - editorials - news stories - ads/brochures - literature responses - interviews - reports - poetic forms - biographies - autobiographies	* compose different forms - descriptive writing - narrative writing - expository writing - persuasive writing suggestions: - short stories - plays - journals - friendly and business letters - book reviews - essays - editorials - news stories - ads/brochures - literature responses - interviews - reports - poetic forms - biographies - autobiographies	* compose different forms - descriptive writing - narrative writing - expository writing - persuasive writing suggestions: - short stories - plays - journals - friendly and business letters - book reviews - essays - editorials - news stories - ads/brochures - literature responses - interviews - reports - poetic forms - biographies - autobiographies	

Writing Content Standard 6 Students use the inquiry process, problem-solving strategies, and resources to synthesize and communicate information.				
When writing students will:				
5	6	7	8	
Benchmark 1 pose questions	s or identify problems.			
* define the problem or issue	* define the problem or issue	* define the problem or issue	* define the problem or issue	
* organize prior knowledge/survey resources for adequate information	* organize prior knowledge/survey resources for adequate information	* organize prior knowledge/survey resources for adequate information	* organize prior knowledge/survey resources for adequate information	
* redefine or narrow the topic as necessary	* redefine or narrow the topic as necessary	* redefine or narrow the topic as necessary	* redefine or narrow the topic as necessary	
* ask questions on the topic	* pose questions that explore the topic	* generate relevant questions about the topic	* frame focused questions to direct the research	
Benchmark 2 find and use a	variety of technologies and informa	tion sources.		
 * locate information from a variety of sources (e.g., reference materials, books, periodicals, interviews, computer resources) * decide which resource to use * gather and record information using graphic organizers * cite sources as appropriate to avoid plagiarism 	 * locate information from a variety of sources (e.g., reference materials, books, periodicals, interviews, computer resources) * decide which resource to use * gather and record information using graphic organizers * cite sources as appropriate to avoid plagiarism 	 * develop a plan to gather information * locate information from both primary (e.g., journals, photographs, and interviews) and secondary sources (e.g., books, newspapers, reference materials, CD-ROMS) * locate information through print and/ or electronic resources, and personal observations * cite sources as appropriate to avoid plagiarism 	* develop a plan to gather information * locate information from both primary (e.g., original documents, diaries) and secondary sources (e.g., books, newspapers, reference materials, CD- ROMS) * locate information through print and/ or electronic resources and personal observations * cite sources as appropriate to avoid plagiarism	

When writing students will:			
5	6	7	8
Benchmark 3 identify seven	al explanations or solutions, and dr	aw conclusions based on their analy	sis of the information.
evaluate information for accuracy (with teacher guidance) select facts and details that could solve the problem or issue decide, with teacher guidance, what	* evaluate information for accuracy (with teacher guidance) * select facts and details that could solve the problem or issue * decide, with teacher guidance, what	 * evaluate information for reliability, including accuracy and timeliness (with teacher guidance) * select facts and details that could solve the problem or issue 	evaluate information for reliability, including accuracy and timeliness (with teacher guidance) select facts and details that could solve the problem or issue
organizational approach to take with the data (e.g., step by step explanations, categorizing main ideas)	organizational approach to take with the data (e.g., step by step explanations, categorizing main ideas)	* decide, with teacher guidance, what organizational approach to take with the data (e.g., cause and effect, categorizing main idea)	* decide what organizational approach to take with the data (e.g., cause and effect, categorizing main ideas)
review)	* prepare a final written product (e.g., summary, advertising brochure, review	* prepare a final written product (e.g., formal report, newspaper article, critical review)	* prepare a final written product (e.g., formal report, newspaper article, critical review)
share research results through a variety of approaches (e.g., written, oral, multi-media)	* share research results through a variety of approaches (e.g., written, oral, multi-media)	* share research results through a variety of approaches (e.g., written, oral, multi-media)	* share research results through a variety of approaches, including power point, panel discussions, play time lines, and visuals

K-12 Content and Performance Standards: A Framework for Student Learning

Writing Content Standard 1	Students write clearly and	d effectively		
When writing students will:				
9	10	11	12	
Benchmark 1 organize text in	n paragraphs with clear beginning, i	middle, and end using effective trans	sitions and logical sequence.	
* develop grade appropriate transitions using transitional words and phrases to connect within and between paragraphs * continue to compose paragraphs with an inviting beginning, detailed middle, and strong ending that follow a logical sequence * begin the use of multi-paragraph document	 * use transitions and hooks to connect within and between paragraphs * compose five paragraph essays with an inviting beginning, detailed middle, and strong ending that follow a logical sequence 	 use transitions and hooks to connect within and between paragraphs compose multi-paragraphs writings with an inviting beginning, detailed middle, and strong ending that follow a logical sequence 	 * use transitions and hooks to connect within and between paragraphs * compose paragraphs with an inviting beginning, detailed middle and strong ending that follow a logical sequence * experiment with a variety of non traditional multi-paragraph structures 	
Benchmark 2 develop and ela	borate main ideas through relevant	and specific supporting details		
 * create a clear topic sentence for a paragraph with detailed and effective support sentences * write a paragraph with details relevant to the main idea * create multi-paragraph documents that contain supporting detail relevant to the thesis or main idea * introduce proper citations as a means of identifying support 	* continue to create a clear topic sentence for a paragraph with detailed and effective support sentences * create a clear thesis statement for multi-paragraph writing * create a multi-paragraph essay that contains supporting detail relevant to the thesis * incorporate proper citations as a means of identifying support.	 continue to create a clear topic sentence for a paragraph with detailed and effective support sentences continue to create a clear thesis statement for multi-paragraph writing with information relevant to its main idea incorporate proper citations as a means of identifying support. 	* continue to create a clear topic sentence for a paragraph with detailed and effective support sentences * continue to create a clear thesis statement for multi-paragraph writing with information relevant to its main idea * incorporate proper citations as a mean of identifying support. * experiment with non-traditional thesis formats.	

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Significant Writing requires two major process pieces each quarter or a minimum of four such pieces a semester.

Writing Content Standard 1 Students write clearly and effectively

When writing students will:

When writing students will:				
9	10	11	12	
Benchmark 3 demonstrate I	urposeful control of personal voice,	sentence structure, and word choice		
 write with individual expression. introduce a variety of sentence structures use words that effectively connvey thoughts appropriate to grade level. use phrases and clauses correctly. 	* continue to write with individual expression, developing a personal perspective. * use a variety of sentence structures use words that effectively connvey thoughts appropriate to grade level. * use phrases and clauses effectively.	 * tailor the voice to the writing and the audience. * consistently use a variety of sentence structures * use words that effectively convey thoughts appropriate to grade level. * use phrases and clauses effectively. 	* demonstrate competency in standard writing * experiment with non-standard point of view. * experiment with a variety of non-traditional sentence structures. * use words that effectively connvey thoughts appropriate to grade level. * use phrases and clauses effectively.	

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When writing students will:			
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Benchmark 4 apply conversed and purpose	ntions of standard written English	(e.g., spelling, punctuation, usage) appropriate for grade level
use correct spelling, capitalization,mechanics, usage and punctuation use correct paragraphing and stanza division edit writing for correct spelling, punctuation and usage recognize parts of speech and sentence parts recognize active and passive voice use correct and consistent verb tense recognize proper use of adjectives, adverbs, verbs, and pronouns	* use correct spelling, capitalization,mechanics, usage and punctuation consistently * use paragraphing and stanza division to enhance meaning and reinforce text's organizational structure * edit writing for correct spelling, punctuation and usage * use active and passive voice correctly * use correct and consistent verb tense * recognize verbals (gerunds, infinitives and participles) * incorporate proper use of adjectives, adverbs, verbs, and pronouns	* use spelling, capitalization, mechanics, usage, and punctuation for emphasis and stylistic effect * use paragraphing and stanza division to enhance meaning and reinforce text's organizational structure * edit writing for correct spelling, punctuation and usage * use active and passive voice correctly * use correct and consistent verb tense * recognize and apply the patterns of parallelism * incorporate proper use of adjectives, adverbs, verbs, and pronouns * edit writing for correct use of modifying phrases and clauses	 * use spelling, capitalization, mechanics, usage, and punctuation for emphasis and stylistic effect * use paragraphing and stanza division to enhance meaning and reinforce text's organizational structure * edit writing for correct spelling, punctuation and usage * apply active and passive voice correctly * use correct and consistent verb tension recognize and apply the patterns of parallelism * incorporate proper use of adjectives adverbs, verbs, and pronouns * edit writing for correct use of modifying phrases and clauses

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When writing students will:			
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Benchmark 1 plan writing audience.	by generating ideas through a var	iety of strategies, and organizing	by analyzing purpose and
 consider purpose and audience select topics that call for exploration and lead to cognitive connections continue prewriting strategies for drafting (e.g., outline, semantic map/web, lists, graphics, brainstorming) 	* select purpose and audience * select topics which encompass one or more perspectives or points of view * continue prewriting strategies for drafting (e.g., outline, semantic map/ web, lists, graphics, brainstorming)	 * select purpose and audience * select topics which encompass a variety of prespectives or points of view. * continue prewriting strategies for drafting (e.g., outline, semantic map/web, lists, graphics, brainstorming) 	* select purpose and audience * select topics which encompass a variety of prespectives or points of view. * continue prewriting strategies for drafting (e.g., outline, semantic map/ web, lists, graphics, brainstorming)
* using the prewriting: •develop a draft •identify controlling idea •narrow or expand focus •organize	* using the prewriting: * develop a draft * identify a controlling idea * narrow or expand focus * organize	* using the prewriting: * develop a draft * identify a controlling idea * narrow or expand focus * organize	* using the prewriting: * develop a draft * identify a controlling idea * narrow or expand focus * organize
Benchmark 3 revise writing	by seeking feedback from others	and making appropriate changes	s to improve text.
 * conference with peers and/or teacher for feedback * revise using a rubric or editing checklist * revise content for clarity, organization, and development * recognize the difference between revising and editing 	* conference with peers and/or teacher for feedback * revise using a rubric or editing checklist * revise content for clarity, organization, and development * recognize the difference between revising and editing	 * conference with peers and/or teacher for feedback * revise using a rubric or editing checklist * revise content for clarity, organization, and development * recognize the difference between revising and editing 	 * conference with peers and/or teacher for feedback * revise using a rubric or editing checklist * revise content for clarity, organization, and development * recognize the difference between revising and editing

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When writing students will:			
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Benchmark 4 edit by correct	ting errors (e.g., grammar, capitaliza	tion, punctuation, spelling, usage).	
* edit draft to correct errors in conventions/mechanics with assistance of peers and/or teacher	* edit draft to correct errors in conventions/mechanics with assistance of peers and/or teacher	* self-edit draft to correct errors in conventions/mechanics	* self-edit draft to correct errors in conventions/mechanics
Benchmark 5 share/publish	a legible final product,		
* produce finished written products in suitable formats to share, present, or distribute	* produce finished written products in suitable formats to share, present, or distribute	* produce finished written products in suitable formats to share, present, or distribute	* produce finished written products in suitable formats to share, present, or distribute

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Writing Content Standard 3	Students evaluate and ref	lect on their growth as writers	•	
When writing students will:				
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Benchmark 1 set goals and e	valuate successes in their own and o	thers' writing.		
 use a variety of strategies for self and peer evaluation (e.g., writing portfolio, rubric, writing inventory, reflective journal, conferencing) continue to establish and evaluate short-term and long-term goals 	 * use a variety of strategies for self and peer evaluation (e.g., writing portfolio, rubric, writing inventory, reflective journal, conferencing) * reassess and refine goals 	use a variety of strategies for self and peer evaluation (e.g., writing portfolio, rubric, writing inventory, reflective journal, conferencing) tailor goals toward post secondary objectives	 use a variety of strategies for self and peer evaluation (e.g., writing portfolio, rubric, writing inventory, reflective journal, conferencing) tailor goals toward post secondary objectives 	
Benchmark 2 seek and use fe	eedback from others and offer const	ructive criticism to others.		
 * conference with peers and teacher for feedback on strengths and weaknesses * use a variety of strategies for self and peer evaluation to identify self improvement 	 conference with peers and teacher for feedback on strengths and weaknesses use a variety of strategies for self and peer evaluation to identify self improvement 	conference with peers, teachers and other readers for feedback on strengths and weaknesses use a variety of strategies for self and peer evaluation to identify self improvement	* conference with peers, teachers and other readers for feedback on strengths and weaknesses * use a variety of strategies for self and peer evaluation to identify self improvement	
Benchmark 3 analyze and ev	aluate strengths and weaknesses as	a writer.		
 * evaluate continuing personal growth as a writer * note successes and areas of concern (e.g., rubrics, conferences, reflective journal, writing folder, portfolio) * align self-assessment of strengths and weaknesses with results of district and/or classroom assessments 	 * evaluate continuing personal growth as a writer * note successes and areas of concern (e.g., rubrics, conferences, reflective journal, writing folder, portfolio) * align self-assessment of strengths and weaknesses with results of district and/or classroom assessments 	* note successes and areas of concern (e.g., rubrics, conferences, reflective journal, writing folder, portfolio) * align self-assessment of strengths and weaknesses with results of standardized, district, and/or classroom assessments	* assess prepardness for post secondary goals. * note successes and areas of concern (e.g., rubrics, conferences, reflective journal, writing folder, portfolio) * align self-assessment of strengths and weaknesss with results of stadardized, district, and/or classroom assessments	

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Writing Content Standard 4	Students write for a varie	ety of purposes and audiences.			
When writing students will:	When writing students will:				
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Benchmark 1 identify and an	ticulate the purpose for their writin	g and write appropriately.			
* determine the reason for writing, (e.g., reflection, clarification, inquiry, problem solving, entertainment, information, and persuasion)demonstrating an understanding of topic and purpose * recognize stylistic approaches to writing	* determine the reason for writing, (e.g., reflection, clarification, inquiry, problem solving, entertainment, information, and persuasion)demonstrating an understanding of topic and purpose develop and use appropriate style in writing.	* determine the reason for writing, (e.g., reflection, clarification, inquiry, problem solving, entertainment, information, and persuasion)demonstrating an understanding of topic and purpose refine the use of appropriate style in writing.	* determine the reason for writing, (e.g., reflection, clarification, inquiry, problem solving, entertainment, information, and persuasion)demonstrating an understanding of topic and purpose evaluate and use appropriate style in writing.		
Benchmark 2 choose audience	ces (e.g., self, peers, adults) appropri	ate to purposes and topics.			
* recognize appropriate purpose and topic, including writing style, for various chosen audiences	* develop and use appropriate purpose and topic, including writing style, for various chosen audiences	* refine the use of appropriate purpose and topic, including writing style, for various chosen audiences	* evaluate and use appropriate purpose and topic, including writing style, for various chosen audiences		

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Writing Content Standard 4 Students write for a variety of purposes and audiences. When writing students will:					
Benchmark 3 experience wr	iting in various genre (e.g., expositor	ry and persuasive writing).			
Compose eight major process pieces to include (but not limited to):	Compose eight major process pieces to include (but not limited to):	Compose eight major process pieces to include (but not limited to):	Compose eight major process pieces to include (but not limited to):		
 * a variety of original poetry * personal narrative * original myth or myth-related writing * research based document (MLA citation format) * personal response to literature and/or media 	 * timed writing * narrative writing * persuasive writing * interpretive response to literature and/or media * research paper (MLA citation format) 	* timed writing * persuasive writing * critical/analytical response to literature and/or media * comparison/contrast writing * research paper (MLA citation format)	 * timed writing * personal narrative * professional Career writing * exposition * critical/analytical response to literature and /or media * research paper (MLA citation format) 		
** F	or further suggestions re	fer to department docu	ment.		

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Writing Content Standard 5	Students recognize the s their own writing.	tructures of various forms and	apply these characteristics to			
When writing students will:						
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Benchmark 1 identify, analyze	and evaluate characteristics of differe	nt forms (e.g., multi-paragraph essays, p	ersuasive, expository, argumentative			
* identify the defining characteristics of a variety of writing forms * identify similarities and differences among writing forms	* analyze the defining characteristics of a variety of writing forms * analyze similarities and differences among writing forms	* evaluate the defining characteristics of a variety of writing forms * evaluate similarities and differences among writing forms	* evaluate the defining characteristics of a variety of writing forms * evaluate similarities and differences among writing forms			
Benchmark 2 write using cha	racteristics of different forms.					
* model a variety of forms	* compose in a variety of forms	* compose in a variety of forms	* experiment with a variety of forms			
** For fu	rther suggestions refer	to department documen	t.			

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Significant Writing requires two major process pieces each quarter or a minimum of four such pieces a semester.

Writing Content Standard 6

Students use the inquiry process, problem-solving strategies, and resources to synthesize and communicate information.

When writing students will:

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Benchmark 1 pose questions	or identify problems.		
 * use a variety of strategies to pose questions requiring knowledge and comprehension * identify problems on a topic 	* use a variety of strategies to pose questions requiring comprehension and application * identify problems on a topic	* use a variety of strategies to pose questions requiring application and synthesis * identify problems on a topic	* use a variety of strategies to pose questions require synthesis and evaluation * identify problems on a topic

- integrate current and emerging technologies and information sources to communicate
- locate and use multiple and varied
- continue to evaluate information for credibilty, and timeliness
- * take notes/record information selecting the most appropriate and usable form
- understand the appropriate use of direct quotations, paraphrasing, and summarizing, and their relationship to citing sources.

- * integrate current and emerging technologies and information sources to communicate
- locate and use multiple and varied
- continue to evaluate information for reliability, including accuracy, bias, and timeliness
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- understand the appropriate use of direct quotations, paraphrasing, and summarizing, and their relationship to citing sources.
- identify primary and secondary sources.

- * integrate current and emerging technologies and information sources to communicate
- locate and use specialized sources
- continue to evaluate information for reliability, including accuracy, bias, and timeliness
- * refine notetaking/recording of information
- * understand the appropriate use of direct quotations, paraphrasing, and summarizing, and their relationship to citing sources.
- * integrate primary and secondary sources

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When writing students will:					
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//////// / ///////////////////////////	investigate alternative explanation ir analysis and evaluation of the i	ns or solutions, and use criteria to information.	draw and defend conclusions		
 * select facts and details that could solve the problems or issue * decide what approach to take with the data (e.g., cause and effect and compare/contrast) * draw and defend conclusions 	* select facts and details that could solve the problems or issue * decide what approach to take with the data (e.g., cause and effect and compare/contrast) * draw and defend conclusions	* select facts and details that could solve the problems or issue * decide what approach to take with the data (e.g., cause and effect and compare/contrast) * evaluate multiple points of view in order to draw conclusions * draw and defend conclusions	* select facts and details that could solve the problems or issue * decide what approach to take with the data (e.g., cause and effect and compare/contrast) * evaluate multiple points of view in order to draw conclusions * draw and defend conclusions		
* produce finished written products in suitable formats * provide written product or media presentation to share, present, distribute, or publish	* produce finished written products in suitable formats * provide written product or media presentation to share, present, distribute, or publish	* produce finished written products in suitable formats * provide written product or media presentation to share, present, distribute, or publish	* produce finished written product in suitable formats * provide written product or media presentation to share, present, distribute, or publish		