



Overview of Skills - Level VIII

Receptive Language Skills

Demonstrate understanding of new vocabulary, prefixes, and suffixes
Understand synonyms, antonyms, homographs, and homonyms; use context clues
Identify and interpret exaggerations, similes, metaphors, idioms, and personification
Follow multi-step complex written and oral directions
Identify basic parts of speech, noun, pronoun, verb, adverb, adjective, conjunction and preposition, use correct spelling and writing mechanics

Expressive Language Skills

Use vocabulary (word meaning) strategies to comprehend text, i.e. understanding and applying dictionary skills and other reference skills and applying a variety of strategies to comprehend words and ideas in complex text
Build vocabulary through wide reading
Understand and apply new vocabulary
Respond to literature in a variety of written forms

Pragmatic Language Skills

Use communication strategies and skills to socialize and work effectively with others

Reading Skills

Apply word recognition skills and strategies to read fluently
Apply fluency and inflection to enhance comprehension
Apply different reading rates to match text
Demonstrate evidence of reading comprehension within informational/expository text and literary/narrative text, i.e.; applying comprehension monitoring strategies before, during, and after reading; determining importance using theme, main idea and supporting details; using prior knowledge; creating mental images; generating and answering questions; summarizing; understanding and analyzing story elements; applying understanding of text organizational structures, identifying similarities and differences and cause and effect relationships; applying the skills of drawing conclusions, providing a response, and expressing insights
Think critically and analyze author's use of language, style, purpose, and perspective in informational and literary text
Read to learn new information
Read for literary experience in a variety of genres
Assess reading strengths and need for improvement
Develop interests and share reading experiences

Compositional Skills

Compose a variety of paragraphs including topic sentence, three supporting details, summarizing sentence
Apply research skills to written assignments
Produce writing samples that demonstrate competency in the five step writing process (prewriting, writing, rewriting, editing and proofreading)
Produce narrative, expository and creative writings
Compose meaningful complete sentences for designated purpose
Produce written assignments indicating correct grammatical usage
Develop sentences/paragraphs that sequence order of events and provide supporting details
Demonstrate correct capitalization and punctuation in written communication

Spelling

Apply phonetics/structural analysis strategies to spell words, such as, applying vowel sounds and analyzing and applying base words, prefixes and suffixes
Use a variety of integrated, curriculum-based resources to spell words and use them correctly in meaningful context demonstrated the ability to correctly spell high frequency words

Math

Understand place value from whole numbers through ten thousands
Use calculators to demonstrate understanding of math concepts, solve problems and check computation
Add and subtract whole numbers with and without regrouping

Multiply two and three digit number by a one and two digit number
Divide by a one-digit number
Recognize and create equivalent fractions
Simplify fractions
Compare and order fractions with like denominators
Add and subtract fractions and mixed numerators and with like denominators
Recognize equivalence of fractions and decimals
Create and solve add and subtract problems with decimals, including money
Round decimals to whole numbers
Estimate sums, differences, products, and quotients to the appropriate place value
Use problem-solving strategies
Solve problems involving elapsed time
Identify intersecting, vertical, horizontal, diagonal, parallel, and perpendicular lines
Compare congruent, similar and symmetrical figures
Create and classify various geometric figures
Make change up to \$1.00
Relate money situations to real-life experiences
Construct, compare and interpret a variety of graphs, charts and tables
Write a simple ratio to describe data
Find probability of a simple event
Construct and investigate patterns as they relate to arithmetic and geometric progression
Mentally compute and apply combinations of numbers whose sum is 10, 100, 1000
Use metric and customary units of measurement for volume, length, weight and mass
Calculate areas and perimeter of regular regions
Estimate an object's volume, length, weight and mass

Problem Solving

Identifies problems, generates and implements solutions, and evaluates results independently

Identifies possible obstacles, pros and cons of possible solutions

Applies conflict management techniques and strategies

Handwriting

Use a combination of typing, print and cursive writing to produce legible writing

Use appropriate headings, spacing, and margins on written assignments

Study Skills

Apply research skills, i.e. use table of contents, index, copyright, title page and glossary; use reference materials to obtain information; understand and use basic guidelines for use of a dictionary; use key words to locate information; create, interpret and use graphic organizers; use the internet and other electronic devices to retrieve information

Take brief notes and develop outlines

Compiles research information into a summary report or presentation with minimal assistance

Uses formatting and word processing skills proficiently

Exhibits and open and responsive attitude toward constructive criticism given by teacher or peer

Demonstrates knowledge of individual strengths and focuses and advocates for self

Identifies, describes and implements strategies that accommodate learning difference

Science Skills

Follows the scientific method

Continue to expand knowledge of force, motion

Health Skills

Same as level 7 except: take out food groups

Add Studies diseases, germ bearing insects and pests

Studies water supply and sewage disposal

Social Studies Skills

Studies the history of the New World, Colonial life, pioneer life, revolutionary war, westward movement, industrial and cultural growth

Studies past and present United States government, geography, natural resources and relationship with Canada and Mexico

Studies the cultures of the Western Hemisphere

Uses map and globe skills to identify, locate and interpret information