

Meeting the Standard in Florida

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THIRD, FOURTH, AND FIFTH GRADES

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
Reading: Standard 1 (LA.A.1.2)	3. The student uses simple strategies to determine meaning and increase vocabulary for reading, including the use of prefixes, suffixes, root words, multiple meanings, antonyms, synonyms, and word relationships.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes 250 word-history paragraphs to introduce the concept of roots and word origins. Synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> describe and illustrate the differences among more than 400 close synonyms. <i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> includes vocabulary-building exercises that introduce students to a variety of word-decoding strategies.
Reading: Standard 2 (LA.A.2.2)	8. The student selects and uses a variety of appropriate reference materials ... to gather information for research projects.	<i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> is a comprehensive, easy-to-read guide to all of the features and richness of the dictionary. All examples provided are drawn from <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> . <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes an easy-to-follow <i>How To Use Your Dictionary</i> section.
Writing: Standard 1 (LA.B.1.2)	3. The student produces final documents that have been edited for: correct spelling; correct use of punctuation, including commas in series, dates, and addresses, and beginning and ending quotation marks; correct capitalization of proper nouns; correct paragraph indentation; correct usage of subject/verb agreement, verb and noun forms, and sentence structure; and correct formatting according to instructions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> provides comprehensive guidance to the conventions of punctuation and capitalization and other mechanics of writing. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> also includes a concise grammar glossary to assist students in understanding grammatical concepts and terminology as well as information about common errors in grammar and punctuation.
Writing: Standard 2 (LA.B.2.2)	The student uses electronic technology, including word-processing software and electronic encyclopedia to create, revise, retrieve, and verify information.	<i>Word Central</i> (www.WordCentral.com) offers free online access to an age-appropriate dictionary and other language-related tools and activities.
Language: Standard 1 (LA.D.1.2)	The student understands that there are patterns and rules in the syntactic structure, symbols, sounds, and meanings conveyed through the English language.	<i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> introduces students to a wide range of topics relating to the structure of language, including parts of speech, punctuation, and meaning.
Language: Standard 2 (LA.D.2.2)	1. The student understands that word choices can shape reactions, perceptions, and beliefs. 4. The student selects and uses appropriate technologies to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of communication.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes synonym paragraphs that explain appropriate choices among near synonyms. It also introduces students to usage notes and labels to indicate appropriate word choice. <i>Word Central</i> (www.WordCentral.com) offers free online access to an age-appropriate dictionary and other language-related tools and activities.

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SIXTH, SEVENTH, AND EIGHTH GRADES

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Reading: Standard 2 (LA.A.2.3)	6. The students use a variety of reference materials, including indexes, magazines, newspapers, and journals, and tools, including card catalogs, to gather information.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> provides grade-level-appropriate definitions for words encountered in a wide range of reading materials.
Writing: Standard 1 (LA.B.1.3)	3. The student produces final documents that have been edited for: correct spelling; correct punctuation, including commas, colons, and semicolons; correct capitalization; correct sentence structure; correct common usage, including subject/verb agreement, common noun/pronoun agreement, common possessive forms, and a variety of sentence structure, including parallel structure; and correct formatting.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> provide comprehensive guidance to the conventions of punctuation and capitalization and other mechanics of writing. <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> provide a concise grammar glossary to assist students in understanding grammatical concepts and terminology. They also include concise information about frequently confused words.
Writing: Standard 2 (LA.B.2.3)	The student uses electronic technology including databases and software to gather information and communicate new knowledge.	<i>Word Central</i> (www.WordCentral.com) offers free online access to an age-appropriate dictionary and other language-related tools and activities. For more advanced students, <i>Merriam-Webster Online</i> (www.Merriam-Webster.com) provides free online access to a college-level dictionary.
Language: Standard 1 (LA.D.1.3)	1. The student understands that there are patterns and rules in semantic structure, symbols, sounds, and meanings conveyed through the English language. 3. The student demonstrates an awareness of the difference between the use of English in formal and informal settings. 4. The student understands that language changes over time.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> provides support to the study of language by offering examples and answering questions about words and meanings. More than 20,000 usage examples and hundreds of usage labels and notes promote an awareness of how English is used in a variety of settings. Nearly 3,000 etymologies and 300 word history paragraphs provide examples of how language has changed. <i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> provides exercises in being a "Word History Detective" to reinforce understanding of how meanings of words develop over time.
Language: Standard 2 (LA.D.2.3)	1. The student selects language that shapes reactions, perceptions, and beliefs.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> provides grade-level-appropriate guidance in using language and in making effective word choices in writing and speaking.

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NINTH, TENTH, ELEVENTH, AND TWELFTH GRADES

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Reading: Standard 1 (LA.A.1.4)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The student selects and uses pre-reading strategies that are appropriate to the text. The student selects and uses strategies to understand words and text, and to make and confirm inferences from what is read. 	<p><i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i>, <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i>, and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> offer grade-level-appropriate support for understanding words and text and refining vocabulary.</p>
Reading: Standard 2 (LA.A.2.4)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The student determines the main idea and identifies relevant details, methods of development, and their effectiveness in a variety of written material. The student locates, gathers, analyzes, and evaluates written information for a variety of purposes, including research projects, real-world tasks, and self-improvement. The student selects and uses appropriate study and research skills and tools. 	<p><i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i>, <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i>, and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> offer grade-level-appropriate definitions to help develop better understanding of the words and language encountered in a wide range of reading materials.</p>
Writing: Standard 1 (LA.B.1.4)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The student drafts and revises writing that is focused, purposeful, and reflects insight into the writing situation and demonstrates a mature command of language with freshness of expression and varied sentence structure. The student produces final documents that have been edited for correct spelling, correct punctuation...; correct capitalization; correct sentence formation; correct instances of possessives, subject/verb agreement, and noun/pronoun agreement. ... 	<p><i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i>, <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i>, and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> provide grade-level-appropriate guidance in using language and in making effective word choices in writing and speaking. All three include a special section that provides concise guidance on punctuation, formation of plurals, and use of capitals and italics.</p> <p><i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> provide comprehensive guidance to the conventions of punctuation and capitalization and other mechanics of writing.</p>
Writing: Standard 2 (LA.B.2.4)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The student writes text, notes, outlines, comments, and observations that demonstrate comprehension and synthesis of content, processes, and experience from a variety of media. The student writes for a variety of appropriate occasions, audiences, and purposes, making appropriate choices regarding style, tone, level of detail, and organization. 	<p><i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> also provide a concise grammar glossary to assist students in understanding grammatical concepts and terminology. They also include concise information about frequently confused words.</p>
Language: Standard 1 (LA.D.1.4).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The student makes appropriate adjustments in language use for social, academic, and life situations, demonstrating sensitivity to gender and cultural bias. The student understands that there are differences among various dialects of English. 	<p><i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i>, <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i>, and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> provide grade-level-appropriate guidance in using language and in making effective word choices. In all three dictionaries, thousands of usage examples and hundreds of usage labels and notes promote an awareness of how English is used in a variety of settings. <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> provides extended usage information and guidance at more than 100 entries for words that are the source of confusion and dispute.</p> <p><i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> provides concise information about frequently confused words.</p> <p><i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> presents discussions of common problems concerning more than a thousand confusable words and phrases, disputed usage, and alternative spellings.</p>