

LANGUAGE ARTS STANDARD:

③ Problem Solving

“All students will select from and use multiple strategies in order to complete projects cooperatively and independently.”

Rationale:

To be productive citizens and workers, students must be flexible as they face the problems and challenges of our changing world. Everyone must learn to solve problems and complete tasks with efficiency and eloquence, at home and in the workplace. Effective communication and clear thinking are essential. Students must work well with others in a variety of situations. They must also know how to work independently, claiming responsibility for their decisions and actions.

Key Elements: All students will:

- * Make choices about projects after examining a range of possibilities.
- * Organize a project by understanding directions; making and keeping deadlines; and seeking, selecting, and using relevant materials.
- * Seek advice when necessary throughout projects.
- * Take responsibility for individual contributions to projects.
- * Share ideas and workloads, incorporating individual talents, when working on collaborative projects.
- * Work effectively with others as active participants and as responsive audiences.
- * Use a number of decision-making processes to complete projects.
- * Set high standards for project quality, and evaluate the processes and work of self and others.