

LANGUAGE ARTS STANDARD:

4 Reasoning and Research

“All Alaska students will think logically and reflectively in order to present and explain positions orally, in writing, and visually, based on relevant and reliable information from diverse sources.”

Rationale:

Students must examine their own and others' perspectives, and communicate their opinions and ideas. They must be able to craft new knowledge based on serious research and systematic inquiry.

Key Elements: All students will:

- * Prepare a personal position on an issue by reflecting on personal experiences, prior knowledge, and new information; initiating intellectual curiosity; formulating and refining questions; identifying pertinent sources of information; analyzing and synthesizing information; and determining authors' purposes.
- * Evaluate the quality, reliability, and validity of information read, heard, and seen.
- * Recognize potential biases that may affect the reliability of a source.
- * Demonstrate traits of effective oral, written, and visual presentations such as organization, clarity, diction, conventions, delivery techniques, and citation references.
- * Explain and defend the presentation of a position, orally, in writing, and visually.