

**Wapsie Valley Community Schools
Standards and Benchmarks
Language Arts**

Standard 1: The student uses the reading process to comprehend print.

- The student applies a wide range of research-based strategies to comprehend text.
- The student recognizes and understands vocabulary.
- The student uses phonics and structural analysis to decode unknown words.
- The student reads fluently.

Standard 2: The student reads for a variety of purposes and across content areas.

- The student analyzes story elements and literary devices within a variety of genre.
- The student applies knowledge of text features and structures to comprehend informational text.
- The student reads independently for a variety of purposes.

Standard 3: The student uses the writing process to communicate effectively.

- The student applies a variety of strategies for composing a coherent message.
- The student demonstrates personal voice, clarity of language, and effective word choice.
- The student produces legible writing that is grammatically and mechanically correct.
- The student writes fluently when prompted.

Standard 4: The student writes for a variety of purposes and across content areas.

- The student uses knowledge of purpose, audience, text structure, and format in developing various forms of narrative, poetic, and expository text.
- The student uses writing as a tool for learning.

Standard 5: The student interacts effectively as a speaker.

- The student demonstrates control of delivery skills.
- The student uses oral language to communicate ideas appropriate to the time, place, occasion, purpose, and audience.

Standard 6: The student interacts effectively as a listener.

- The student demonstrates the behaviors of active listening.
- The student uses listening skills to process information.

Standard 7: The student creates, interprets and evaluates a variety of media.

- The student uses knowledge of purpose, audience, and structure, of various media to enhance learning.

Standard 8: The student investigates issues and ideas using a variety of sources.

- The student accesses data from oral, print, and electronic media.
- The student interprets, evaluates, and synthesizes information to enhance learning.