

Competency English (3010) - Grades 9-12

Content Standard:

The student will master those areas of language arts which are necessary for success as a high school student.

Goal Statement:

It is possible for students to enter the high school without having succeeded in learning to use the English language competently. This course is intended to help address the areas of language learning in which weaknesses have been identified.

Learning Expectations:

- Understand sentences - their basic parts, agreement of subject and verb, complete sentences, sentence fragments, run-on sentences, combining of short sentences into longer ones, and placing sentences logically in paragraphs.
- Select words such as pronouns and verb tenses accurately.
- Spell words correctly when using singular, plural, and possessive forms of common nouns; adding prefixes and suffixes; forming contractions; and identifying homophones.
- Choose words precisely when they possess multiple meanings, have various contexts, or are used negatively.
- Recognize propaganda techniques.
- Identify main ideas of descriptive, expository, or narrative passages and make inferences; draw conclusions; identify cause and effect, fact and opinion, details, author's purpose and point of view; and interpret figurative language.
- Identify the correct positions of parts of business letters and envelopes.
- Use reference materials, written and graphic directions, and dictionary skills.
- Employ commas, semicolons, colons, and ending punctuation correctly.
- Capitalize according to standard rule