

Grades 5, 6, 7, 8

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Definition and Identification of Information Needs

Students will define their information needs and identify effective courses of action to conduct research and solve problems.

Clearly restate the scope and criteria for a given task, independently

Identify and discuss existing knowledge concerning a given task, without prompting

Frame an essential question using given information, and pose additional questions related to completion of the task

Identify, locate and use an array of print and non-print resources available through the library media center independently, and with assistance, access resources outside the school

Determine an appropriate course of action for addressing the essential question, with minimal assistance

Information Strategies

Students will understand and demonstrate information skills and strategies to locate and effectively use print and non-print resources to solve problems and conduct research.

Use additional features of online catalog records and demonstrate the ability to locate information from all areas of the library media center, such as fiction, nonfiction and reference

Demonstrate the ability to navigate through a variety of software menus to access information for research, publication and communication

Describe the variety of ways indexes and tables are used as organizers for information systems

Use additional organizing features of print and non-print (e.g., menus, bibliographies and hyperlinks) to locate and use information

Search, find, sort and evaluate database information from computers, CD-ROM and online resources and know how to apply specific features of different search engines

Select and use appropriate resources and/or equipment to accomplish a given task

Demonstrate ability to take notes, print out or record selected information from a wide range of sources of information

Demonstrate the ability to identify and use a variety of features to locate information using an Internet search engine or directory

Identify key words for searching information sources, with minimal assistance

Information Processing	Students will apply information from a variety of sources and formats using evaluative criteria to interpret, analyze, organize and synthesize both print and non-print material Develop and apply more complex criteria for aligning resources with a specific need and presentation Apply evaluative criteria to discern stereotypes, biases and propaganda techniques in print and non-print resources Organize, analyze and synthesize information to draw meaningful conclusions and determine an appropriate format for presentation, with minimal assistance
Application	Students will use appropriate information and technology to create written, visual, oral and multimedia products to communicate ideas, information or conclusions to others. Create databases, spreadsheets and a variety of multimedia products to organize, analyze and interpret information Use appropriate technology(s) and format(s) to clearly present information gathered from a variety of print and non-print resources
Technology Use	Students will operate and use computers and other technologies as tools for productivity, problem solving and learning across the content areas. Operate school hardware and demonstrate the ability to use the school network to access and utilize school software, independently Use content-specific technology tools and software Demonstrate proficiency in keyboarding Demonstrate the ability to independently use personal productivity software and multimedia to create products in a wide range of formats (newsletters, budgets, brochures, imported graphics, web pages, digital movies, etc.) Demonstrate the use of technological resources to help plan, coordinate and complete group projects Identify hardware and software problems that accompany everyday use and seek assistance Understand that technology tools are constantly changing and describe their potential for use Identify ways computers and other technologies are affecting the way we live, work and learn Describe basic criteria used to evaluate and compare different types of computers, peripherals (e.g. printer, scanner) and other technology tools
Responsible Use	Students will demonstrate the responsible, legal and ethical use of information resources, computers and other technologies.

Demonstrate responsible and ethical use and care of print and non-print information resources, computers, other technologies and networks

Apply established citation standards for giving credit for information or ideas used

Differentiate among various types of ownership and protection of intellectual property (e.g., copyright, patents) and observe "fair use" guidelines as they apply to each

Adhere to the district's acceptable use and copyright policies and understand the relationship to local, state and national legislation

Assessment

Students will assess the effectiveness of their information and technology choices for problem-solving and communication.

Assess whether the process and information gathered was relevant, complete and accurate in response to the assigned need

Assess whether their products meet established standards for process, product and presentation