Secondary Curriculum Maps



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9th Grade English

Common Core State Standard	PA Core Standard
SL.9-10.2	CC.1.5.9–10.C Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source
Taught in Unit(s)	

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Explanation/Example of Standard

Students should evaluate a source for its credibility and/or accuracy.

Students should use multiple sources, selecting only those that are credible and appropriate. Students should support their views with reputable outside sources from diverse media or formats.

Common Misconceptions

Students often do not evaluate a source for its credibility or accuracy.

Students often do not use multiple sources to verify information from an individual source.

Students frequently do not use any outside source material to verify information.

Big Idea(s)	Essential Question(s)
Identify various sources with similar information	How do speakers present their ideas using
to check for accuracy and credibility.	credible, effective outside sources?
Identify the source of the information and evaluate its accuracy on the topic.	How do speakers determine which sources (from media, texts etc.) are most appropriate to build an effective speech or presentation?
Combine information from various sources to create a well-reasoned and well-supported argument or presentation on a topic.	How do speakers incorporate and integrate their own ideas with information from outside sources to create a seamless, effective presentation?
	Why is it important to use credible/quality sources?

Assessments

Concepts	Skills
(what students need to know)	(what students must be able to do)
Sources include digital and print media used to	Integrate information from several different so
provide information on a specific topic.	urces to support findings and opinions.
Diverse media includes outside texts and digital	
sources	Evaluate credibility and accuracy of a source
Credibility and accuracy: The validity and	using outside texts and other media to verify
appropriateness of the sources.	and develop a presentation.

Common Core State Standard	PA Core Standard
RI.9-10.2	CC.1.2.9–10.A Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text. L.N.1.3.1 L.N.1.3.2 L.N.2.3.3
Taught in Unit(s)	

Taught in Unit(s)

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Explanation/Example of Standard

Students first need to determine the main idea and be able to summarize it without opinion. Students should also be able to identify how a main idea is structured and developed through the course of the text.

Students should be able to cite specific details to provide an objective summary of the text that is free of personal bias, opinion and unsubstantiated views.

Common Misconceptions

Students often incorrectly paraphrase the main idea of a text.

Students do not write objectively, but write with opinions/bias/emotions.

Students fail to analyze the development of a central idea over the course of the text.

Students do not identify specific details that the author uses to convey his or her theme.

Big Idea(s)	Essential Question(s)	
Identify and explain the main idea of a nonfiction work, including memoirs, nonfiction articles, and/or digital sources.	What strategies do authors use to convey their main idea in an informational text?	
The main idea of non-fiction/informational texts is directly stated.	How does the structure of informational texts/nonfiction support the main idea?	
Track development of a main idea throughout a text and identify how the author shapes and refines that idea through word choice and specific details. When reading informational text, the main idea is not inferred or implied.	How do authors incorporate rhetorical devices to convey their theme? How do authors structure their text and determine which details they will use to successfully convey their theme?	
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Assessments

Concepts	Skills
(what students need to know)	(what students must be able to do)
Central idea - The main idea which is directly	Determine how the structure of the
stated in informational texts	informational text supports the main idea.

Development - How the author uses facts in the informational text support the main idea Specific details
Summary - The difference between summarizing and paraphrasing

Analyze how the structure of the informational text and specific details supports the main idea. Provide details- cite evidence Objectively Summarize- Write using an unbiased tone

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Common Core State Standard	PA Core Standard
CC 1.2.9-10 B	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly, as well as inferences and conclusions based on an author's explicit assumptions and beliefs about a subject. L.N.1.3.1 L.N.2.1.1 L.N.2.1.2

Taught in Unit(s)

Non-Fiction (secondary content in other units)

Explanation/Example of Standard

Students will be able to evaluate, select, and use effective evidence that illustrates the strategies of non-fiction authors. They continue to determine purpose and audience, but need to demonstrate how an author's choices impact meaning and convey the author's position.

Common Misconceptions

Students struggle to move beyond identification into analysis. Their quote selections and explanations are frequently appropriate for establishing main purpose or literal meaning but less appropriate for breaking down *how* an author conveys their ideas or justifying an inference or conclusion.

Big Idea(s)	Essential Question(s)
The use of rich and effective evidence is essential to	How do we distinguish between using textual evidence
establishing and supporting more developed	to illustrate a main or literal idea and using textual
arguments.	evidence for the analysis of authorial technique?

Assessments

Concepts	Skills
(what students need to know)	(what students must be able to do)
Textual evidence taken from the source	Cite and select evidence from the text using
material to demonstrate meaning	appropriate styles of citation
Explicit meaning the author's directly stated	Support conclusions using evidence from the
meaning, as defined by the context of the text	text Analyze and think critically about an
Analysis the critical thinking and development	author's choices in the text and how they impact
of ideas by the reader based on the text	meaning
Inferences the use of context clues from the	
text and outside knowledge to gather and	

Conclusions decisions about the text based on textual evidence, analysis, and inferences Assumptions and Beliefs decisions made about the text based on textual evidence, analysis, and personal interpretation		
CVSD Sec	condary Curricul	um Map ~ PA Core Standards
Common Core State Standard		PA Core Standard
PACC.1.3.9-10.B	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly, as well as inferences and conclusions based on an author's explicit assumptions and beliefs about a subject.	
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Fiction		
Explanation/Example of Sta	ındard	
Students at this grade level need to be able to select and use strong evidence to illustrate a text's explicit position and to support their interpretation of an author's implied assumptions and beliefs.		
Introduce ideas of:		
"Best evidence"		
There are often multiple correct interpretations of a text but there are unfounded interpretations.		
Common Misconceptions		
All quotes from a work are equal in supporting an argument/interpretation.		
A quote must be something a character speaks rather than any passage taken from a work.		
Big Idea(s	s)	Essential Question(s)

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The use of rich and effective evidence is essential to establishing and supporting developed arguments.	Why is strong textual evidence important to my argument? Can my argument be supported by the text? What is the best textual evidence to support my argument? How can I best use textual evidence to support my position/argument?
Assessments	

Concepts	Skills
(what students need to know)	(what students must be able to do)
Textual evidence taken from the source material to demonstrate meaning	Cite textual evidence to demonstrate and understanding of the text while developing
Explicit meaning the author's directly stated	arguments based in textual analysis
meaning, as defined by the context of the text	Support analysis of the text using textual evidence
Analysis the critical thinking and development of ideas by the reader based on the text	
Inferences the use of context clues from the text and outside knowledge to gather and predict	
Conclusions decisions about the text based on textual evidence, analysis, and inferences	
Assumptions and Beliefs decisions made about the text based on textual evidence, analysis, and personal interpretation	

Common Core State Standard	PA Core Standard	
L.9-10.4	CC.1.3.9-10.I Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade-level reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies and tools. L.F.1.2.1 L.F.1.2.2 L.F.1.2.3 L.F.1.2.4	
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Taught in Unit(s)

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Explanation/Example of Standard

Students should be able to identify and interpret unknown words and phrases based on contextual evidence, inference, and other vocabulary strategies.

Common Misconceptions

Students often move hastily through the text ignoring unfamiliar words and phrases, which leads to misinterpretation and incorrect analysis of the text.

Students often misinterpret the meaning of unfamiliar words without employing strategies to assist in understanding.

Big Idea(s)	Essential Question(s)
Identify unknown words and phrases by using tools and strategies to assist in understanding.	How does author's word choice to help convey meaning in the text?
Clarify the meaning of unknown words and phrases using vocabulary in context (context clues) strategies.	How do readers employ strategies to clarify the meaning of unknown words and phrases?

Assessments		
See unit map for specific unit common assessments		
Concepts	Skills	
(what students need to know)	(what students must be able to do)	
Meaning of words in the text understanding both	Determine the meaning of unknown words.	
denotation and connotation Range of strategies employed by the reader to determine the meaning of words in context	Clarify confusing words and phrases	
	Choose the most effective strategy to understand new/unfamiliar words.	

Common Core State Standard	PA Core Standard	
W.9-10.2	CC.1.4.9-10.A Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately.	
Taught in Unit(s)		
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Explanation/Example of Standard

Students should clearly write explanatory essays that explain the viewpoint or situation in detail and attempts to clarify any confusing or difficult to interpret facts and summaries that convey complex ideas.

Students should write accurate explanatory texts that clearly present information and concepts.

Common Misconceptions

Students often do not provide adequate support in their writing.

Students provide shallow analysis that results in inadequate examination of a topic or concept.

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Big Idea(s)	Essential Question(s)	
Identify major concept/main idea of the writer's explanatory text.	How do writers organize information to before writing informative/explanatory texts?	
Organize and structure information that is appropriate for writer's purpose.	How do writers decide which information to include in an informational/explanatory text?	
Develop clear and accurate analysis of a topic or idea.	How do writers clearly convey their ideas using adequate/accurate support and analysis?	
Assessments		

Assessments

Concepts	Skills
(what students need to know)	(what students must be able to do)
Informational and explanatory texts : Types of	Examine information and decide what details
writing that convey and/or explain complex	are important and necessary for a well-written
ideas and concepts accurately and clearly.	informational/explanatory text.
Complex ideas and concepts: Main ideas conveyed by a writer that are well-reasoned and supported with carefully selected evidence.	Convey ideas accurately and clearly. Write a well-constructed informational/explanatory text that conveys complex ideas.

Common Core State Standard	PA Core Standard
	CC.1.4.9-10.F
	Demonstrate a grade-appropriate command of the conventions of standard
	English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
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	C.E.3.1.1
	C.E.3.1.2
	C.E.3.1.3
	C.E.3.1.4
	C.E.3.1.5
Taught in Unit(s)	

1,2,3,4,5

Explanation/Example of Standard

Students should be able to use grammatical skills appropriate to their grade level.

Students should be able to demonstrate in writing and practice the correct use of English grammatical skills.

Common Misconceptions

Students often do not use correct grammatical rules in their writing. Students often do not demonstrate a correct understanding of grammatical rules

Big Idea(s)	Essential Question(s)
Identify proper use of grammar, punctuation, capitalization, usage, and spelling in sample	How does grammar impact the clarity of student writing?
texts.	G
	How do grammatical skills impact effective
Apply proper grammar to student writing and correct grammar when needed as part of the writing process.	communication?

Assessments

Concepts	Skills
(what students need to know)	(what students must be able to do)
Command: demonstrated by the appropriate	Demonstrate a command of skills through
and correct use of grammatical standards during	proper use in student writing and during skills
the writing process and in grammar practice	practice and assessments
Conventions of standard English grammar	
include the proper usage of words,	
capitalization, punctuation, and spelling and the	
commonly accepted understanding of correct	
grammar in the English language.	
Usage: The commonly accepted understanding	
of correct grammar and syntax in the English	
language.	

Capitalization: appropriately capitalized first letters in words that follow the accepted use and practice in English grammar **Punctuation:** the use of periods, commas, colons, semicolons, and other markings to indicate a pause, end of an idea, or provides clarification and that follows the accepted use and practice in English grammar **Spelling:** Correctly spelled words that follow the accepted use and practice in English grammar

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Common Core State Standard	PA Core Standard	
W.9-10.1	CC.1.4.9-10.G Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics.	
Taught in Unit(s)		
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Explanation/Example of Standard

Students should be able to write persuasively on a variety of topics using valid reasoning and relevant, sufficient evidence.

Common Misconceptions

Students often do not appropriately support claims with well-reasoned and well-developed arguments.

Big Idea(s)	Essential Question(s)
Clarify and defend positions with precise and relevant evidence. Use a variety of devices to support an argument on a variety of topics.	How do writers create a clear, well-reasoned argument in an essay? How do writers organize their ideas in an effective way by using and relevant and sufficient evidence?

Assessments

Concepts	Skills
(what students need to know)	(what students must be able to do)
Arguments- A well-reasoned and well-	Write arguments to support claims
supported development of ideas that supports	Use valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient
the writer's claim.	evidence to support claims
Claims - The writer's position on a topic	
supported by a well reasoned argument	
Analysis - Development of ideas and arguments	
that integrates and critically evaluates	
information to support a claim	
Substantive topics - Assigned writing topics	
that have a variety of possible positions that can	
be developed	

Common Core State Standard	PA Core Standard
CC 1.4.9-10.T	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
Taught in Unit(s)	

Explanation/Example of Standard

It is important for students to understand that the writing process works best as something completed in stages. By allowing time to think, investigate, draft, revise, and reconsider their work, students grow as both writers and thinkers.

Common Misconceptions

Students want to generate full-length essays in a single sitting or with only a brief revision. Students can have difficulty revisiting their position and finding new evidence.

Students sometimes believe that all writing needs the same approach, regardless of task, audience, and purpose.

Essential Question(s)
Iow do we use the writing process to improve our writing at every stage in its composition?

Assessments See unit map for specific unit common assessments	
Concepts (what students need to know) Purpose the reason the author is writing that is	Skills (what students must be able to do) Plan writing using prewriting through graphic
communicated through the text Audience the reader that the writer considers while developing their writing Writing Process the planning, editing, revising, and rewriting process that an author uses to develop their writing	organizers and drafting Revise and draft several versions of a work by checking for clarity and meaning of writing Edit writing for grammatical and mechanical errors

CVSD Secondary Curriculum Map ~ PA Core Standards with Eligible Content

Common Core State Standard	PA Core Standard
CC 1.4.9-10.S	CC.1.4.9–10.S Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research, applying grade-level reading standards for literature and literary nonfiction.
Taught in Unit(s)	

Fiction, non-fiction, poetry, as well as writing units

Explanation/Example of Standard

Making sense of any text relies primarily on selecting and using appropriate evidence to support a student's ideas. Students write more focused and substantive pieces when they are capable of evaluating and identifying strong evidence to suit their goals.

Common Misconceptions

Students often believe that all textual evidence is equal – believing that if a quote comes from the text, it is evidence and is therefore valuable.

Students associate more evidence with a stronger essay, e.g. block quotes are always beneficial because they add length and a good deal of evidence.

Students assume that presenting evidence will allow the reader to draw the same conclusions that they, students, have drawn.

Big Idea(s)	Essential Question(s)
Evidence with both literal and figurative	How do we distinguish more useful evidence from
implications provides material with the greatest opportunity for insightful analysis.	less useful evidence?
	How can we discuss evidence in a way that helps our
It is important to examine evidence with both the perspective of context and word-level analysis.	reader to understand the same things that we do?

Assessments	
See unit map for specific unit common assessments	
Concepts	Skills
(what students need to know)	(what students must be able to do)
Evidence, literary texts, informational texts,	Draw evidence from texts, support analysis, apply
analysis, reflection, research	knowledge of literature and non-fiction

Common Core State Standard	PA Core Standard
CC 1.4.9-10.M	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events.
Taught in Unit(s)	

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Explanation/Example of Standard

Composing narrative allows for students to organize and revise their thoughts. To put distance between themselves and their ideas, then reevaluate, revise, and craft their understanding of a topic.

Common Misconceptions

Students regard personal writing as a wholly creative task and misunderstand the relationship between giving language to some experience, idea, or topic and sharpening their understanding of that subject.

Big Idea(s)	Essential Question(s)
Narrative enables me to articulate what I understand and believe by using precise language to pin down my thoughts.	How do I use language to express what I know?

Assessments	
See unit map for specific unit common assessments	
Concepts	Skills
(what students need to know)	(what students must be able to do)
Narrative writing- writing that focuses on the	Develop real or imagined experiences through
development of a story either real or imagined	writing

Common Core State Standard	PA Core Standard
W.9-10.1a/W.9-10.1b	CC.1.4.9–10.I Distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims; develop claim(s) fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns. C.P.1.1.2 C.P.1.1.3
Taught in Unit(s)	

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Explanation/Example of Standard

Students should write an organized, effective persuasive essay that includes appeals to logic, reason and/or emotion.

Students should be able to supply sufficient evidence to support a claim.

Students should anticipate the arguments of the opposing side and address the strengths and weaknesses of those arguments.

Students should anticipate the reader's knowledge of the topic and concerns about an issue when writing a persuasive essay.

Common Misconceptions

Students often fail to address the possible viewpoints of a single topic and recognize possible counterarguments to their claim.

Students often fail to address the limitations of a claim or counter-argument.

Students often fail to collect and supply appropriate evidence to appropriately support both the validity of the claim and the counter-argument.

Big Idea(s)	Essential Question(s)
Identify possible counter-arguments to a stated claim.	How do writers develop an effective persuasive essay with sufficient evidence to support their opinion?
Address the limitations of both the claim and counter-argument by examining their validity.	How do writers refute the opposing side of an argument by using supporting evidence and claims?
Examine the validity of both the claim and the counter-argument by providing evidence for the support of both.	
Refute the counter-argument by providing sound reasoning and evidence.	

Assessments

Concepts	Skills
(what students need to know)	(what students must be able to do)
Arguments- A well-reasoned and well-supported development of ideas that supports the writer's claim. Claims- The writer's position on a topic supported by a well reasoned argument Alternate claims- Other possible positions that can be taken on a topic and supported using sound evidence and reasoning. Evidence- Textual support that validates the writer's opinion.	Develop- Students should organize their arguments with organized ideas and appeals Supply-Provide adequate, relevant information to defend a position Distinguish- Acknowledging the counterargument of an issue and concede or refute that information, ultimately conveying why the position is correct.

Strengths- The portions of a claim that are easily supported using using evidence and reasoning.

Limitations- The portions of a claim that are difficult to support or can be refuted by an alternate claim.

Audience- The individual/group that the writer is attempting to persuade.

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Common Core State Standard	PA Core Standard
W.9-10-8.	CC.1.4.9-10.W Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
Taught in Unit(s)	

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Explanation/Example of Standard

Students should use advanced search methods to gather reputable, relevant sources from numerous print and digital sources.

Students should be able to assess the value of print and digital sources to answer research questions.

Students should be able to seamlessly integrate outside information into their text to support their main idea(s).

Students should know which actions constitute plagiarism.

Students should be able to properly pull outside material from print and digital sources by using properly cited pull quotes and a works cited page.

Common Misconceptions

Students often do not use multiple sources to gather accurate and reliable data and research.

Students often do not select academically appropriate sources for their research.

Students often do not evaluate sources for their relevance for their research.

Students often fail to select relevant portions of information when integrating it into their writing.

Students often fail to properly integrate outside information into their writing without disrupting the focus and flow of ideas.

Students fail to recognize what constitutes as plagiarism and utilize standard citation practices.

Big Idea(s)	Essential Question(s)	
Identify sources that are academically appropriate for the purpose of research and writing.	How do writers use advanced search methods to gather reputable, relevant print and digital sources for their writing?	
Evaluate each source for its relevance to the topic and for any bias present in the source.	How do writers seamlessly and sophisticatedly integrate outside information into their text to support their main idea?	
Effectively integrate information found in research, using appropriate transitions, signal, phrases, and necessary punctuation.	What is plagiarism, and how can writers avoid it?	
Effectively integrate information found in research to support and develop the writer's position on a topic.	How do writers use pull quotes and create a works cited page?	
Avoid plagiarism by demonstrating a command of standard practices and appropriate citation techniques.		
Assessments		

Concepts	Skills
(what students need to know)	(what students must be able to do)
Relevant information - Information chosen that is appropriate to the topic and task that has	Gather relevant information from various print and digital sources
been evaluated for its accuracy and its usefulness	Use advance search methods to gather information from print and digital sources
Print and digital sources - Various forms of media that are used by the writer to support the	Correctly integrate information
topic	Avoid plagiarism and correctly cite information
Searches - Collection of accurate and reliable sources that are appropriate and relevant to the task	from print and digital sources
Flow of ideas- Clear development and support of a writer's ideas	
Plagiarism -Not properly citing an outside source	

CVSD Secondary Curriculum Map \sim PA Core Standards with Eligible Content

Common Core State Standard	PA Core Standard	
PACC.1.5.9-10.A	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions on grade- level topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.	
Taught in Unit(s)		

Skills taught and developed across all units. Particularly covered through the implementation and use of Socratic seminars and group discussions. Units:

Explanation/Example of Standard

Sophomores are expected to engage cooperatively in group discussions on a wide range of topics. Within those discussions, students need to demonstrate an ability to clearly present their own views, to use support to compel others to share their view, and to listen to, build on, and respect others' views.

Common Misconceptions

Any talking or contribution during a group discussion "counts" as effective participation.

Excessive participation in a group discussion means a student is doing well.

If there is support for my view, I do not need to listen to others.

Big Idea(s)	Essential Question(s)
Through group discussion and "inquiry" based methods, students become better thinkers.	How does group discussion enable me to better understand a topic and to think better for myself?
Effective participation in a group discussion involves:	What are strategies for effective participation in a group discussion?
-presenting my own views clearly	
-providing compelling evidence to support my views in order to persuade other	
-hearing and giving consideration to the views of others with a willingness to modify by original view/position in light of new evidence.	

Assessments

Concepts	Skills	
(what students need to know)	(what students must be able to do)	
Collaborative discussion involves large and small group student participation to encourage open communication between students to form opinions through well reasoned arguments.	Initiate students will begin discussion with classmates about the text and extension beyond the text	
	Participate students will take part in class discussion about the text and extension beyond the text	
	Build students will use analysis and collaboration to develop discussion and ideas	
	Express students will develop arguments and speak within a group discussion format to clearly and effectively convey ideas	