**8th Grade Language Arts Competencies- 2016-2017**

**Mrs. Williams**

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| **#** | **Competency** | **Scores** |
| **1** | Demonstrates the ability to comprehend, analyze, and critique a variety of increasingly complex print and non-print literary texts. |  |
| **2** | Demonstrates the ability to comprehend, analyze, and critique a variety of increasingly complex print and non-print informational texts. |  |
| **3** | Demonstrates the ability to write a variety of texts effectively, including arguments to support claims with clear reasons, relevant evidence, and convincing counterarguments, informative/explanatory to examine a topic and convey ideas, and narratives to develop real or imagined experiences. |  |
| **4** | Demonstrates the ability to listen and view critically for a variety of purposes and to speak purposefully and effectively- strategically making decisions about content, language use, and discourse style. |  |
| **5** | Conducts short and more sustained research projects which demonstrate understanding of a given subject and the ability to create shareable products by gathering information from a variety of credible resources, including digital media and the Internet, and citing such evidence following standard MLA format. |  |
| **6** | Demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. |  |
| **7** | Demonstrates an understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings and understands grade/content appropriate words, and is able to determine the meaning of words and phrases using a variety of strategies such as context, affixes, and roots. |  |