

# SANTA YNEZ VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL

## Content Standards

### Eighth Grade

#### Reading

- Read and understand grade-level appropriate material.
- Analyze idioms, analogies, metaphors, and similes to infer literal and figurative meanings of text.
- Analyze text that uses proposition and support patterns.
- Read approximately 12 books annually from a variety of genres.
- Evaluate the unity, coherence, logic, and internal consistency of a variety of documents.
- Determine and articulate the characteristics of different forms of poetry.
- Analyze the relevance of setting to the mood, tone, and meaning of text.
- Identify and analyze recurring themes.
- Identify literary devices like metaphor, dialect, and irony that define a writer's style.
- Use word meanings within the appropriate context.

#### Language

- Deliver well-organized formal presentations such as responses to literature, research information, and persuasive presentations.
- Prepare speech outlines.
- Edit written materials to ensure correct grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling conventions.
- Write narrative, expository, persuasive, and descriptive essays of 500-700 words each.
- Define and support a thesis.
- Prepare and display information using graphic organizers.
- Write simple business letters or letters of inquiry to meet the needs of the intended audience.
- Use formatting techniques (e.g., headings, different fonts) to aid comprehension.
- Plan and conduct multiple information searches using computer networks and modems.

These state standards have been established by the California Board of Education and adopted by the SYVCS Board of Directors. A complete set of standards is available at the school office.