

**Massachusetts State Standards
correlated to
Merit Software Vocabulary Programs**

This English Language Arts Curriculum Framework, completed in 2001, is one of seven documents created to advance educational reform in Massachusetts. It reflects the work of PreK–12 educators and consultants throughout the state in collaboration with staff from the Massachusetts Department of Education. The ten **Guiding Principles** articulate a set of beliefs about the teaching, learning, and assessing of speaking, viewing, listening, reading, and writing. The English language arts are organized into four **Strands**, or content areas: Language, Reading and Literature, Composition, and Media. The **27 General Standards**—broad statements that outline what students should know and be able to do in English language arts—are separated into **Learning Standards** for PreK–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8, 9–10, and 11–12. General Standards for vocabulary (4), reading (7 and 8) and for composition (19 and 22) have been further divided into PreK–K and 1–2 clusters.

Merit’s Vocabulary programs address the following Massachusetts State Standards:

- Grades 3-4 pg. 1-2
- Grades 5-6 pg. 2
- Grades 7-8 pg. 2
- Grades 9-10 pg. 3

Grades 3-4

Subhead	General Standard	Learning Standard	Merit Software
Reading	GENERAL STANDARD 4: Vocabulary and Concept Development Students will understand and acquire new vocabulary and use it correctly in reading and writing.	4.9 Identify the meaning of common prefixes (un-, re-, dis-).	Vocabulary Stretch Set 1; Vocabulary Fitness
Reading	GENERAL STANDARD 4: Vocabulary and Concept Development Students will understand and acquire new vocabulary and use it correctly in reading and writing.	4.10 Identify the meaning of common Greek and Latin roots to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.	Vocabulary Stretch Set 1; Vocabulary Fitness
Reading	GENERAL STANDARD 4: Vocabulary and Concept Development Students will understand and acquire new vocabulary and use it correctly in reading and writing.	4.13 Determine the meaning of unknown words using their context.	Vocabulary Stretch Set 1; Vocabulary Fitness

Reading	GENERAL STANDARD 4: Vocabulary and Concept Development Students will understand and acquire new vocabulary and use it correctly in reading and writing.	4.14 Recognize and use words with multiple meanings (sentence, school, hard) and be able to determine which meaning is intended from the context of the sentence.	Vocabulary Stretch Set 1
Reading	GENERAL STANDARD 4: Vocabulary and Concept Development Students will understand and acquire new vocabulary and use it correctly in reading and writing.	4.15 Determine meanings of words and alternate word choices using a dictionary or thesaurus.	Vocabulary Stretch Set 1; Vocabulary Fitness
Reading	GENERAL STANDARD 4: Vocabulary and Concept Development Students will understand and acquire new vocabulary and use it correctly in reading and writing.	4.16 Identify and apply the meaning of the terms antonym, synonym and homophone.	Vocabulary Stretch Set 1

Grades 5-6

Subhead	General Standard	Learning Standard	Merit Software
Reading	GENERAL STANDARD 4: Vocabulary and Concept Development Students will understand and acquire new vocabulary and use it correctly in reading and writing.	4.18 Determine the meaning of unfamiliar words using knowledge of common Greek and Latin roots, suffixes, and prefixes.	Vocabulary Stretch Set 1

Grades 7-8

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Reading	GENERAL STANDARD 4: Vocabulary and Concept Development Students will understand and acquire new vocabulary and use it correctly in reading and writing.	4.21 Determine the meaning of unfamiliar words by using knowledge of common Greek and Latin roots, suffixes, and prefixes.	Vocabulary Stretch Set 2

Grades 9-10

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Reading	<p>GENERAL STANDARD 4: Vocabulary and Concept Development Students will understand and acquire new vocabulary and use it correctly in reading and writing.</p>	<p>4.24 Use knowledge of Greek, Latin, and Norse mythology, the Bible, and other works often alluded to in British and American literature to understand the meanings of new words.</p>	Vocabulary Stretch Set 2