Quarter 1 Task

Big Ideas	Culminating Assessment Task	District Suggested Checkpoints
1 st Quarter Informative/Explanatory	Teachers may use the task in the 22-33 Curriculum Framework Document or the following simplified task. The same rubric and checkpoints will be used.	Checkpoints are based on pre-assessment data and grade-level PLC discussions. Additional checkpoints may be added.
Essential Standards: W.8.2 W.8.9 RI 8.1 RI 8.2 Supporting Standards: L.8.1 L.8.2 SL.8.1 W.7.4 RI.8.4	Write an essay where you explain key points of a topic and analyze their importance to the topic. * *Teachers may substitute "topic" with content of their choice	Checkpoint 1: Introduces a topic with a thesis statement and presents an overview and how it will be explained. Checkpoint 2: Chooses relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples to develop the topic. Checkpoint 3: Organize ideas, concepts and information into broader categories. Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify relationships among those ideas and concepts. Checkpoint 4: Create a conclusion that supports the information and analysis provided.

Quarter 2 Task

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2 nd Quarter Narrative Essential Standards: W.8.3 W.8.9 RL.8.3	Teachers may use the task in the 22-33 Curriculum Framework Document or the following simplified task. The same rubric and checkpoints will be used. Write a narrative using effective techniques to develop a real or imagined experience or event.	Checkpoints are based on pre-assessment data and grade-level PLC discussions. Additional checkpoints may be added. Checkpoint 1: Engage/hook the reader with an introduction that establishes point of view and introduces character(s). Checkpoint 2: Using narrative techniques to develop experiences, events, and/or characters. Checkpoint 3: Uses a variety of transitions to show
Supporting Standards: L.8.1 L.8.2 RL.8.4 RL.8.6		relationships among experiences and events. Checkpoint 4: Conclusion reflects on narrated experiences or events

Quarter 3 Task

Big Ideas	Culminating Tasks and Assessments	District Suggested Checkpoints
Argument Essential Standards: W.8.1 W.8.8 RI/RL.8.2 RI/RL.8.3.3 Supporting Standards: L.8.1 L.8.2	Teachers may use the task in the 22-33 Curriculum Framework Document or the following simplified task. The same rubric and checkpoints will be used. Write an argument on a topic of your choice that supports a claim and distinguishes the claim from an alternate or opposing claim. *8*grade modes may include definition	Checkpoints are based on pre-assessment data and grade-level PLC discussions. Additional checkpoints may be added. Checkpoint 1: Develop an introduction (hook and background information) that establishes a clear claim Checkpoint 2: Write a clear, alternate claim or counterclaim Checkpoint 3: Choose, organize, elaborate, and cite supporting evidence from credible sources. Checkpoint 4: Uses words, phrases, appropriate transitional strategies for coherence and to create structure. Checkpoint 5: Effective concluding strategy that follows from the topic.

Quarter 4 Task

Big Ideas	Culminating Tasks and Assessments	Pre-Assessment Check Points
4 th Quarter Multimodal Research Multimodal And/or Digital Composition And/or Poetry/Presentation of Poetry Essential Standards: RL/RI. 8.1 SL 8.1 SL 8.2 W.8.4	 Q4 will be assessed at the classroom level in various ways. Teachers will rely on the PLC process and have conversations about student growth. These tasks give students the opportunity to build on cross-curricular practices. These tasks should provide a high DOK level to help students prepare for high school. Tasks should include practice with analysis before high school Tasks should use all prior knowledge from the school year Tasks could be considered a CAPSTONE project 	Checkpoint 1: Draw on several sources and generate additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation Checkpoint 2: Draw evidence from lit or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research Checkpoint 3: Checkpoint 4:
Supporting Standards: L 8.1 L 8.2		