Families: In Walla Walla Public Schools, we operate in an aligned and coherent system. This means students will receive access to the same promise standards no matter which school they attend. The tenth grade team at your child’s school will support all students to reach proficiency on the promise standards listed below, while also addressing all of the tenth grade language arts standards. Teachers identified these promise standards in alignment with previous and following grade levels to ensure skills build from year to year, and lead to a successful educational career in Walla Walla Public Schools.

10th Grade Language Arts Promise Standards

- Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings.
- Cite textual evidence to support analysis/inferences of text.
- Analyze how an author’s ideas/claims are developed/refined by particular sentences, paragraphs, or larger portions of a text.
- Determine an author’s point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric.
- Analyze various accounts of a subject told in different mediums (e.g., a person’s life story in both print and multimedia), determining which details are emphasized in each account.
- Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text; identify false statements and fallacious reasoning.
- Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone.
- Develop and strengthen writing by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
- Gather relevant information from multiple print/digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess source usefulness; integrate info while avoiding plagiarism & following standard format for citation.
- Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, adverbial, participial, prepositional, absolute) and clauses (independent, dependent; noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.