

7th Grade English Language Arts Syllabus

2016-2017

Welcome to 7th Grade ELA! This year, we will focus on speaking, reading, thinking, and listening. The curriculum includes reading strategies and text analysis. These skills will help students solve problems while using supportive evidence. We will also focus on improving writing skills; strategies, organization, style, and grammar.

Methods

Students work towards learning objectives through a wide variety of experiences and materials. These include the reading of many types of literature, participation in class discussions, planning and completion of individual, partner, and small group tasks and projects.

Grading

Grades are based on class work, homework, quizzes, tests, and writing assignments. Tests, quizzes, larger writing assignments, and projects will count as 70% of the grade, while class work, homework, and other writing assignments will count as 30% of the grade. All grading is based on points attained as compared to the total points attainable.

Grading Scale

A 93-100	B- 80-82	D+ 67-69
A- 90-92	C+ 77-79	D 63-66
B+ 87-89	C 73-76	D- 60-62
B 83-86	C- 70-72	F 0-59

Test Retakes

Students **MUST** retake any tests in which they score below 75%.

Any student **MAY** retake the test, you must sign up with your teacher.

Your final test grade will be an average of your original test and the retake (unless that grade is lower than the original test score) However, the final score may not exceed 90%.

Retakes will only be available if all assignments pertaining to the test have been completed.

Semester and Final Grades

Semester averages are calculated from the two marking period grades; final grades are an average of the two semester grades.

Work Expectations

Students receive written, reading, and study work. All work is expected to be completed on time. Late work is accepted; however it is marked down 25% a day. If a student is absent, he/she needs to ask for missing work upon returning to school. Please contact the teacher with any questions about assignments or late work.

Special Help

Individual help is available before school, during lunch, and after school. If an extended session is needed, 24 hour advance planning is recommended. In addition, the school sponsors an after-school homework room where all students are welcome.



Classroom Rules

- Be *responsible*
- Be *respectful*
- Be *positive*

Materials Needed

- Composition notebook
- Folder or 3-ring binder
- Pen or pencil
- Silent reading book
- Chromebook (charged!)
- Glue stick
- Highlighters

Weebly

Homework will be posted daily on the 7th grade weebly: coop7th.weebly.com

We are looking forward to a great year with your child! Please feel free to contact us at anytime if you have any questions or concerns.

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Please share this syllabus with your parents, ask them to sign it, and return the portion below the dotted line to your teacher by _____.

I have read and understand the 7th Grade English Language Arts Syllabus.

Student Signature

Date

I have read and understand the 7th Grade English Language Arts Syllabus.

Parent Signature

Date



