

## Course Overview: Language Arts 7

This course includes instruction in reading, writing, and literature. All of our learning is in accordance with Common Core State Standards.

**Reading:** Students will be reading a variety of assigned mentor text and a book of their choice daily during class. They will be keeping a Reflective Reading Journal in order to practice skills that prepare them for the SBAC (Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium) and to encourage them to be life-long readers. We ask students to read outside of class because we know that to improve reading, we must practice.

**Writing:** Students will write personal narratives, argumentative, and informational essays. Most of this will be done in class, but there may be times when your student needs more time and will need to work on it at home.

**Vocabulary:** Students will be learning a variety of academic vocabulary which will be integrated as we cover various reading/writing topics. Students will also learn skills to help them figure out words they are not familiar with by using context clues.

### Late Work/Make-up work:

While students are able to turn in classwork/homework late, consistently turning in late work will affect their work habits grade and most likely their understanding of what we're covering in class. If you have not yet accessed ParentVue, we encourage you to stop by or call the guidance center to get your access code. This is a great way for you to keep up on your student's progress. When absent, it is the responsibility of the student to collect work missed.

**Grading:** Final grades for the course are based on how well a student meets the seventh grade reading, writing, and literature standards as evidenced through various assessments. Class work and homework will be worth 20% of a student's overall grade. This work is considered reading/writing practice, and it is essential to developing skills. Assessments will be worth 80% of a student's overall grade. Extra credit is not offered.

The grading scale for standards based assessments is as follows

- 4: Advanced proficiency of standard
- 3: Proficiency of standard
- 2: Basic proficiency of standard
- 1: Below Basic proficiency of standard

Letter Grade	Assessment Grade (4-pt scale)	Levels of Proficiency	Percentages
A	3.50-4.00	Advanced	87.5% - 100%
B	2.76-3.49	Proficient	69.0% - 87.4%
C	2.01-2.75	Basic	50.1% - 68.9%
D	1.51-2.00		37.7% - 50.0%
F	0-1.50	Below Basic	0% - 37.6%

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