

Course Overview
Mrs. Kurasch
8th Grade Language Arts



I. Contact Information

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II. Assignments and Assessments

Completing assignments is an essential component in mastering the English Language Arts Common Core Standards.

Assignments will be graded on a scale of 0-3.

Score	Meaning
3	Mastery of skill is demonstrated
2	Partial mastery is demonstrated; few errors
1	Student has not mastered the concept; many errors
0	Assignment was not completed; Missing

Homework is due on its designated date. If a student has an excused absence, it is his/her responsibility to ask for missed work, and turn it in the next school day. Please contact me with questions or concerns regarding the work as they arise.

Ample time is provided for long-term assignments; therefore, they will not be accepted late.

A majority of the grade is composed from a variety of assessments.

Assessment types include:

- Tests
- Quizzes
- Projects
- Presentations
- Essays
- ACE responses
- Reading Checks

Assignments will account for **15%** of the final grade.

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III. Grading Scale

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90-100% = A

80-89% = B

70-79% = C

60-69% = D

59% and below = F

IV. Re-take Policy

Students may re-take assessments, only if the following criterion is met:

1. All re-takes must be completed within one week of the assessment.
2. A contract will be sent home for student and parent/guardian signatures, to ensure parents are aware of the first score.
3. All work aligning with the assessment receiving scores less than 3 will be re-done prior to re-taking the assessment. This work is due within one week of the original assessment.

V. Curriculum

The eighth grade language arts program focuses on the English Language Arts Common Core Standards (ELACCS), and incorporates numerous reading and writing experiences. Reading genres include fiction, non-fiction, short stories, poetry and informational text. Our writing program uses the assessment piece six traits to focus on consistency and mastery of writing skills. Writing assignments will include persuasive, research, informational, narrative, poetry and literary response. Listening and speaking skills are taught and refined throughout the year, as students will have several presentation projects. Team teachers will support the ELACCS, and will incorporate reading, writing, listening and speaking activities into their classroom activities.

VI. Expectations

- Be respectful
- Be responsible
- Be safe
- Be a learner
- Be a TITAN

VII. Supplies

The following supplies are required daily:

- *Pencil or pen (blue or black only for assignments; red for editing)
- *Paper
- *Language Arts notebook
- *Language Arts folder
- *Agenda
- *Highlighter

I have read and understand the policies for 8th grade
English Language Arts.

Student's Name: _____ Class Period: _____ Date: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents and Guardians:

Please complete this portion so I can contact you should the need arise.

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Home Phone Number (_____) _____

Work Numbers:

Name: _____ (_____) _____

Name: _____ (_____) _____

Cell Numbers:

Name: _____ (_____) _____

Name: _____ (_____) _____

Email Addresses:

Name: _____ _____

Name: _____ _____

Please include any additional information that I should know about your
child.
