

8th Grade Language Arts Syllabus

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Required Materials:

- Tab dividers: mentor sentences, classwork, tests/quizzes, article of the week
- Pencils (mechanical or regular with a handheld sharpener)
- Blue or black ink only
- Highlighters
- Notebook paper
- Safety scissors
- Glue stick

Textbooks: We will be using the CodeX textbooks and curriculum along with supplemental texts and handouts. *Note: Textbooks will be used in class and not checked out to students. Any student who needs a book checked out (either for the year or for overnight to complete work) will be allowed to check out the textbook and replacement costs of the various items will be given at the time the book is checked out to the student.*

Course Objectives:

Language Arts classes are designed to cover the standards required by the state, as well as provide an intense focus on specific standards. You may view these standards online at <http://www.floridastandards.org/index.aspx>.

Class Expectations:

I expect each of my students to show respect for others and themselves. Each member of class will participate, cooperate with each other, and give their full attention to the task at hand. I expect you to actively engage in the learning process. If you give minimum effort, you will not do well in this class.

Homework:

Students will complete an article of the week each week. It will be assigned at the beginning of the week and will be due at the end of the week. Additional homework will be assigned as needed in this class. They may often need to finish class work that was not completed that day in class. You may check their planner to see what should have been completed in class that day.

Late Assignments Policy:

If you miss a day of school and therefore miss an assignment, you will have the number of days absent plus one to turn in the missed work. Work that was assigned prior to your absence and due the day you were gone will be due upon returning to class. **I DO NOT TAKE LATE WORK.** Please keep up with your assignments. If you are absent, it is YOUR responsibility to get the assignments you missed and get caught up with the work.

Grading:

Classwork	50%
Skills	20%
Tests & Quizzes	30%

- Classwork: includes any and all written assignments we complete in class such as essays, notes, handouts, worksheets, etc.
- Skills: includes warm ups (mentor sentences), article of the week, and planner checks.
- Tests & Quizzes: includes all assessments for the course.

Course Grading Scale:

90-100	A
87-89	B+
80-86	B
77-79	C+
70-76	C
67-69	D+
60-66	D
0-59	F

Additional Information: I reserve the right to make needed and appropriate adjustments in this syllabus.