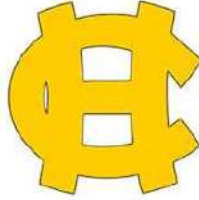


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2022-2023 Eighth Grade Language Arts

This course is designed to help students become better communicators by using language effectively. Since reading comprehension is an essential skill for all students in each content area and in each grade, success in language arts/reading can facilitate success in other subject areas as well. Overall, with sufficient effort your child can become a better reader, writer, and speaker as a result of being in this class.

Curriculum

The eighth grade curriculum for language arts and reading incorporates and focuses on the GSE. The complete listing of English Language Arts Georgia Standards of Excellence is available upon request or can be downloaded at <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Frameworks/ELA-Grade-8-Standards.pdf>. Following are highlights from the major domain areas:

Literary and Informational Reading Standards. ELAGSE8RL 1-10 and ELAGSE8RI-10. These standards include students determining and analyzing the key ideas, details, craft, and structure of literary and informational texts, evaluating the use of different forms of media, and reading and comprehending texts of appropriate complexity for the 8th Grade.

Writing Standards. ELAGSE8W1-10. These standards include students effectively writing argumentative, explanatory/Informational, and narrative texts via the writing process. Students will also use various forms of media and technology. Students will practice writing over short and extended time frames.

Speaking and Listening Standards. ELAGSE8SL1-6. These standards include students preparing for and engaging in a range of collaborative and collegial discussions in which they cite evidence, pose questions, and acknowledge new information, as well as integrate multimedia and visual displays and adapt their speech to a variety of contexts and tasks.

Language. ELAGSE8L1-6. These standards include students demonstrating a command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing and speaking, acquiring and using new vocabulary, and demonstrating an understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

Chromebooks, Textbooks, and Materials

Various fiction, non-fiction, and poem selections will provide the anchor texts for our thematic GSE literary units throughout the year. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's *Literature: Georgia Collections* Textbook, as well as various novels, short stories, and articles will be issued and used in this class.

Students should have a school-issued Chromebook to use inside and outside of the classroom. Students are expected to bring their Chromebook (fully charged) to class daily. Parents are encouraged to purchase the insurance plan for the Chromebook. Chromebooks will be used to access learning platforms such as: Google Classroom, Google Slides, online educational games such as Kahoot, and Common Lit. Passages.

Students should bring a small 3 ring-binder or two-pocket notebook with loose-leaf paper, pencils, and pens to class daily.

Grading Policy

Classwork 50%

Homework 20%

Tests/Quizzes 30%

Students are expected to maintain academic integrity. This means that all work a student submits is expected to be his or her own work and free from plagiarism, cheating, or any other unauthorized assistance.

Make-Up Work

The school policy concerning make-up work will be followed as indicated in the HCCMS Student Handbook.

Classroom Behavior

All school policies concerning behavior, tardiness, and dress code will be followed and enforced in this class.

Parent Connect

All parents are encouraged to become registered users of Infinite Campus so that they may keep up with their child's progress in all classes. First-time users should contact the main school office for registration information. Infinite Campus Portal Website: <https://campus.harris.k12.ga.us/campus/portal/harris.jsp> or follow the link on the Harris County School System web page.

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Student Name (please print) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____