

# DeSana Middle School Advanced Studies Readiness Guide: ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

**Directions:** Use this checklist simply as a guide to aid in your decision for placement in a 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade Advanced Studies **ELA** course. Answering yes to all or nearly all would indicate a student's readiness for the challenge and rigor of an Advanced Studies **Language Arts** course.

### Characteristics of a Successful Advanced Studies Student in English/Language Arts:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Is well organized, manages time wisely, and always prepared with materials
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Consistently motivated to go beyond expectations
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Interests include reading and writing
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Reads for enjoyment outside of class
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Is a strong writer with pre-existing writing skills and a working knowledge of the writing process
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Contributes actively and collaborates effectively in group or team assignments
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Participates in extracurricular academic competitions or activities
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Is creative in thoughts, writing, and projects
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Desires placement in Advanced Studies English/Language Arts

### Grades / Testing:

**Yes**

**No**

Current English/Language Arts grade is 90 or above		
GA Milestones English/Language Arts – Scale Score 550 or Better (Proficient or Distinguished Performance Levels)		
Current Lexile is 1000L or higher		

## Parents' Notes

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