

**North Forsyth Middle School
Course Syllabus**

8th Grade Language Arts

2007-2008

Teacher: **Tamera Holzer – Team 8A**

Course Description: **8th Grade Language Arts**

The 8th Grade Language Arts class involves students in reading, writing, speaking, and communicating effectively. Students will apply the study of literature, grammar, mechanics, usage, vocabulary, spelling, and the writing process in class, across the curriculum, and in everyday life.

Curriculum Links (may be accessed via my homepage)

For Georgia Performance Standards, see www.georgiastandards.org

Materials and Supplies needed for this course:

Pens (blue and black only)
2 Pencils (no mechanical pencils allowed)
Notebook Paper
Hardback Composition Notebook for Journal
Binder/Folder for Organizational Purposes
Highlighters

Textbook Replacement Cost if Lost or Damaged:

Elements of Literature	\$54.00
Elements of Language	\$54.00
Holt Reader-Paperback	\$8.25
Grammar Usage & Mechanics (GUM)	\$15.90

** Prices are subject to change.

Grading Procedures:

Forsyth County Grading Scale:	A = 90 and above	C = 70-79
	B = 80-89	F = 69 and below

The North Forsyth Middle learning community believes that grades should accurately reflect student learning, as opposed to behaviors not related to the acquisition of rigorous standards. Therefore, summative grades (major tests and projects) are weighted from no less than 65% up to 85% and formative grades (homework, class work, quizzes, etc.) are weighted from 0 to 20%. Final exams comprise the remaining 15% of a student's grade.

Grade Weights for Tamera Holzer's 8 th Grade Language Arts class :	20% Formative:	class work, homework,
	65% Summative:	quizzes, tests, projects
	15% Final:	cumulative tests over multiple chapters or units

Assignment Expectations and Make-up Work:

The faculty and staff of NFMS take great pride in providing quality work for our students each and every day. Absences are thus strongly discouraged as a great deal of our work simply can not be duplicated outside of the classroom environment. Absent students will have five days from the date of the first absence to make up work missed and it is the student's responsibility to secure missing assignments.

Parents, if you have any questions, please call me at **770-889-0743 ext 080248** and leave a message or email me at tholzer@forsyth.k12.ga.us

Teacher/Student/Parent Communication:

Room #:	438	Team:	8A
Voice Mail #:	770-889-0743	Ext:	080438
Email Address:	tholzer@forsyth.k12.ga.us; IM address: Eduk8rNFMS		

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Student signature

Parent signature

Date