

MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE SYLLABUS

8TH GRADE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/READING INTERVENTION

2016/2017

Course Description

Eighth grade English Language Arts is the study of skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Students will develop comprehension and communication skills. Students will develop reading strategies that they will be required to apply during independent and classroom reading. Students will use the writing process to communicate effectively and efficiently.

Relevance

This course will foster students' ability to read critically, write effectively, and communicate efficiently, providing the foundation for career opportunities.

Course Outline

Quarter 1

- Narrative Writing
- Reading Theme: Memoirs
- Books: Literature Text and other texts
- Unit Focus: Self Reflection

Quarter 2

- Descriptive Writing
- Reading Theme: Fiction Text
- Book: Works by Walter Dean Myers, Edgar Allen Poe, and Literature Text
- Unit Focus: Self Perception

Quarter 3

- Expository Writing
- Reading Theme: Science Fiction
- Book: The Giver by Lois Lowry and Literature Text
- Unit Focus: The Challenge of a Perfect World

Quarter 4

- Persuasive Writing
- Reading Theme: Historical Fiction
- Book: Night by Elie Wiesel and Literature Text
- Unit Focus: The Challenge of Making a Difference