

**I. Curriculum Area**

English

**II. Courses**

English 8, 4080

English 8 Honors, 4083

Applied Language Arts 8, 4085

**III. Goal Summary Statement**

English 8 students will demonstrate increased skill in one designated standards category by improving SAGE scores in that particular area. Categories include determining key ideas and details, analyzing craft and structure, integrating knowledge and ideas, comprehending oral points and purposes, writing arguments, writing explanatory text, or making effective language choices.

**IV. Full Goal Description**

To become college and career ready, students must grapple with analyzing complex texts, assert and defend claims, show what they know about a subject, listen attentively to others, and have firm control over both the conventions and the craft of language.

Depending on which of the skills the teacher is focusing on, students will learn to do the following:

- Use textual evidence to support analysis, inferences, themes, and summaries; and to determine relationships.
- Analyze diction, structure, and point of view in one or more texts to determine their contribution to the text.
- Compare the representation of a subject in different texts or mediums, analyzing the effect and evaluating the reasoning.
- Analyze the speaker's purpose in oral presentations and express own ideas clearly.
- Write arguments to support claims, using reasons and relevant evidence.
- Write explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information.
- Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English, and use voice and mood to achieve particular effects.

**V. Connection to DESK Standards**

Based on last year's SAGE scores, the teacher will choose one of the targeted DESK standard categories to focus on to improve students' skills.

- Reading: Key Ideas and Details
- Reading: Craft and Structure
- Reading: Integrate Knowledge and Ideas
- Writing: Argument
- Writing: Explanatory Text
- Listening Comprehension
- Language

**VI. Assessment Tool/Rubric/Evidence**

Summative SAGE test