



Language Arts 5th Grade

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Course and Curriculum Information:

English Language Arts/Reading courses in grades 5-12 will focus on continuing the development of skills taught in the elementary grades. These include the following seven strands: Foundational Language Skills, Comprehension Skills, Response Skills, Multiple Genres, Author's Purpose and Craft, Composition, and Inquiry and Research. Please visit www.mansfieldisd.org and click on Departments, Curriculum and Instruction, PK-12, Core Curriculum, English/Language Arts/Reading for a full scope and sequence.

Materials:

Students will use a variety of materials including but not limited to, MyView Literacy textbook/Consumable with online access, a Reader's/Writer's Notebook, district-approved novels, iStation, Education Galaxy, and Google classroom.

Class work and Homework:

Students will have opportunities to complete work in class, but will also have assigned homework on a weekly basis. Class participation and involvement is encouraged to facilitate a positive learning environment for each student. Intermediate schools will provide for homework-free extended holidays. (Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, and Spring Break)

Reports and Projects

Teachers will also require various reports and projects throughout the year. Deadlines and requirements for these assignments will be sent home to parents in advance of due dates.

iStation

iStation is a reading comprehension and fluency building program used by Mansfield ISD at the intermediate level. Students will be assessed on iStation at least 3 times this year. Students are given a reading level assessment and then required to complete activities based on their skill level to increase comprehension and fluency. Students will keep track of their progress in their data folders. This program may also be accessed from home.

Independent Reading Program

All 5th grade students are expected to read 30 books as part of our independent reading program. The goal of this program is to expose our students to a variety of genres and texts, and emphasize the importance of reading. Teachers will be taking participation grades throughout the year and will allow students some time during the school day to read independently. Although time will be provided during the school day, students will also be expected to read their books outside of school hours.

Assessment Calendar

Students will take tests in class throughout the year to show mastery of material presented. These assessments will be given at the teacher's discretion with advance notice to students in most cases. Students will also take Curriculum Based Assessments (CBA's) on the following dates: October 3rd/4th, November 14th/15th, January 30th/31st, and March 19th/20th. Students will also take the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) for Reading on April 8th, 2020.

Grading Policies and Guidelines

These policies are addressed in the student handbook. Please review them and contact your child's campus or teacher for clarification as needed. Teachers shall determine academic student progress using a grade percentage scale of 0-100.

90-100=A

80-89=B

70-79=C

Below 70=Failing

Weighting of Grades

Grades in Language Arts are weighted according to the following scale:

Daily Work:	50%
Quizzes/Tests/Projects:	40%
Homework:	10%

Citizenship grades are measured on a Likert Scale (ESNU):

I = Incomplete ("I" is not an academic grade, but indicates incomplete work.)

E = Excellent

S = Satisfactory

N = Needs Improvement

U = Unsatisfactory

Number of Grades Each Grading Period

Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies 10 (minimum)

Late Work Policy

For work submitted after the due date given in class, the following policy will apply:

- 1 class day late: grade may be reduced up to a maximum of 15 points
- 2 class days late: grade may be reduced up to a maximum of 30 points
- 3 class days late: grade may be reduced up to 50 points (or teacher discretion)
- Late work **will not be accepted after 3 class days.**

No Pass No Play: "We Care Too Much to Let You Fail"

Student grades will be monitored weekly. In the event that a student is not passing a class, they will be given an opportunity during their recess time, to makeup missing assignments or correct major assessments. Students will not be able to participate in club competitions, school socials, sport events, etc. until they are passing all classes.

Test Retake Policy:

Students who fail a major test/assessment (below 70%) will be allowed to retake or correct the assessment up to a 70% grade. Students will have to make arrangements with the teacher to retake or correct a major test/assessment. Students have one week after tests/assessments are returned to do retakes or corrections.

Absences, Tardiness, & Missed Work

Students will be responsible for collecting work from each teacher before or after an absence. Extra copies will be made available, if needed. Students have one extra day for each day they were absent to complete a missed assignment. Students will receive a grade of "1" in the gradebook to signify they were absent on the day the assignment was given. Arrangements for taking a missed test or quiz must be made with the teacher. If an assignment is missing and the student was present when the assignment was given, the teacher will place a zero in the gradebook.

Academic Dishonesty

These policies are addressed in the student handbook. Please review them and contact your child's campus or teacher for clarification as needed.

Resources

Parents

Parents are encouraged to set up an account on Skyward, the district's grade reporting site. Grades are updated weekly by teachers. This portal enables parents to monitor their own students' grades during the school year. You may obtain your login/password from the school registrar or secretary. Then go to www.mansfieldisd.org and click on the Skyward icon. Follow directions for setting up a parent account.

Students

Elective classes, library resources, and monitored Internet research will be available to students. Before or after school help may be available by advance appointment. Check with the teacher about these options.

Guardian Signature:

Student Signature:

Date:
