



PreAP -GT 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 for the curriculum map.

Materials:

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

Class work and Homework:

Students will have opportunities to complete work in class, but will also have assigned homework from time to time. 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.

Independent Reading Program

All 5th grade students are expected to read 30 books as part of our new 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 need 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. District Curriculum Based Assessments will be the week of 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 POLICY: *Grading periods will be figured by averaging daily class participation, quizzes, major tests, hands-on projects, homework, and writing assignments.*

Intermediate School Grading Guidelines:

90-100 = A 80-89 = B 70-79 = C Below 70 = Failing
I = Incomplete ("I" is not an academic grade, but indicates incomplete work.)

Citizenship grades: E = Excellent, S = Satisfactory, N = Needs Improvement, U = Unsatisfactory.

Grade Categories 50% - Daily Assignments/Quizzes 40% - Major Tests/Projects/CBAs 10% - Homework

Number of Grades Each Grading Period: 10 minimum, with 2 minimum per category. Grades will be posted in Skyward within five business days with exception to lengthy projects or writing assignments.

Semester Grades

Semester grades are computed by averaging the numerical grades recorded for each of the three grading periods within the semester. The three grading periods will equal 100% of the student's grade (33.3% per grading period). Credit is awarded at the end of the academic year. * Semester exams are not administered at the intermediate level.

UIL Eligibility ("No Pass/No Play") may be used to determine eligibility for competitions and/or field trips.

- Each grading period will stand alone for eligibility purposes.
- A student who is declared academically ineligible after a grading period will be able to regain eligibility if all the student's grades average 70% or higher at the next grade reporting period.
- **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 RETAKES: Students will be allowed to retake a failed major test within a reasonable time during the same grading period for up to a grade of 70. Students should make an arrangement with the teacher for retesting and/or tutorials.

LATE WORK GRADING: One class day late--maximum grade of 85
Two class days late-- maximum grade of 70
Three class days or more late--teacher's discretion

A ZERO will be recorded in the gradebook until missing/late work is graded. Please see comments on assignments in gradebooks for additional information.

ABSENCES & MAKE-UP WORK: It is the student's responsibility to ask his/her teacher for make-up work and return it in a timely manner. Students will be granted one make-up day for each day absent to complete missed work on time before late work policy will be instituted. Make-up tests should be arranged with the teacher. A "1" will be recorded in the gradebook until the make-up assignment is graded. Please see comments in gradebook on assignments for more information.

CLASS PARTICIPATION: Students are expected to participate actively in class daily through reading, discussion, note taking, group assignments, and keeping their ELA notebook/journal updated. Lack of active participation may result in earning a lower grade on tests, notebook checks, and group work.

RESOURCES for PARENTS: Parents are encouraged to set up an account with Skyward, the district's grade reporting site. Skyward will make it easy for parents to monitor your child's grades during the school year. To set up an account, go to www.mansfieldisd.org to locate the Skyward link. Grades and assignments are updated on the site weekly by teachers. Paper copies of Grade Reports will be sent home, but not progress reports.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Using another student's written work or answers as your own, sharing your work with another person to claim as their own, or copying another person's written work, word for word, or from a publication or internet resource is dishonest and will not be tolerated. A grade of zero or F will be given for the plagiarized assignment, homework, test, or other work that is not really your work.

Guardian Signature:

Student Signature:

Date:
