

7th Grade ELA Course Syllabus

Course Description/Goals:

In 7th Grade ELA, students will gain knowledge of the structure and patterns of language. Students will develop the skills to speak and write effectively. This course features a focus on the development of well-planned, coherent compositions written for a variety of audiences and purposes. Additionally, students will develop reading skills such as vocabulary development, comprehension, organization, and study skills. Finally, students will engage in inquiry and research practices.

Course TEKS/Objectives:

The 7th Grade ELA TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) embody the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking through seven integrated strands. These strands include: developing and sustaining foundational language skills; comprehension; response; multiple genres; author's purpose and craft; composition; and inquiry and research. The strands focus on proficiency in oral expression and comprehension, authentic reading, and reflective writing. The strands are recursive, integrated, and progressive with students continuing to develop knowledge and skills with increased complexity in order to think critically and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of language and literacy.

<https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/laws-and-rules/sboe-rules-tac/sboe-tac-currently-in-effect/ch110b.pdf>

Course Outline:

Semester 1	Semester 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Interacting with texts through annotation.- Responding to texts in the form of informational essays- Analyzing and interacting with a whole class novel- Analyzing and interacting with argumentative texts- Writing argumentative essays- Nonfiction book clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fiction Book Clubs- Responding to Literary texts- Analyzing & Composing poetic and dramatic texts- Student Choice Book Clubs- Formal inquiry and source analysis- Developing and executing a research plan & giving formal presentations