

## 8th Grade Honors ELA Course Syllabus

### **Course Description/Goals:**

8th Grade Honors ELA is designed to meet the needs of advanced students, focusing on integrative reading, writing, speaking, and listening that will allow in-depth study of the total communication process. Students will gain deep understanding of interpretive reading skills for stimulating thinking and developing ideas for writing multi-level, descriptive, narrative, persuasive, and information compositions. Grammar, spelling, and vocabulary are taught through application and research skills are strengthened through varied activities. This course assists in preparing students for the challenges offered by Advanced Placement, Dual Credit and OnRamps courses in high school through sustained habits necessary for success in these advanced courses.

### **Course TEKS/Objectives:**

The 8th 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"><li>- Interacting with texts through annotation.</li><li>- Responding to texts in the form of informational essays</li><li>- Analyzing and interacting with a whole class novel</li><li>- Analyzing and interacting with argumentative texts</li><li>- Writing argumentative essays</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Fiction Book Clubs</li><li>- Responding to Literary texts</li><li>- Analyzing &amp; Composing poetic and dramatic texts</li><li>- Student Choice Book Clubs</li><li>- Formal inquiry and source analysis</li></ul>

- Nonfiction book clubs

- Developing and executing a research plan & giving formal presentations