



## Middle School English Language Arts (ELA) Courses

Mead School District offers standard and advanced course options for English Language Arts (ELA) beginning in middle school. Advanced courses are open to all students\*; parents and students are encouraged to carefully consider the options and make the choice that best fits the student's personality and abilities.

### **Standard Courses**

All standard ELA courses offered at the middle schools are open enrollment and are year-long courses.

### **Advanced Courses**

Advanced ELA courses are also open enrollment. These are full-year courses that may be taken one semester at a time. For example, a student may try Honors English 7 first semester and then transition to standard English 7 second semester or vice versa.

Students and families will choose their ELA course during registration.

*Please consider the following characteristics that may indicate student success in an advanced ELA course:*

- *Student has above average reading and writing skills.*
- *Student can engage in small and large group critical thinking discussions.*
- *Student can be a self-directed learner and can advocate for themself.*
- *Student thoughtfully considers feedback and modifies behavior appropriately.*
- *Student is enthusiastic about being given advanced coursework.*
- *Student's academic self-concept is positive and realistic.*
- *Student completes most assignments thoroughly and on time.*

*\*A student's IEP may determine ELA placement.*