

7th Grade Applied ELA Course Syllabus 2026-27

Course Description/Goals:

Students in 7th Grade Applied ELA will engage in modified Language Arts content to meet the individual learning requirements of the students as determined by the ARD committee. Applied Language Arts provides the student with knowledge of the structure and patterns of language. Usage skills develop the student's ability to speak and write effectively. Instruction in written communication focuses on the development of well-planned, coherent compositions written for a variety of audiences and purposes. Reading skills include vocabulary development, comprehension, organization, and study skills. Research skills are introduced. **Placement in this course is determined by the ARD committee.**

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
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- 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

- 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