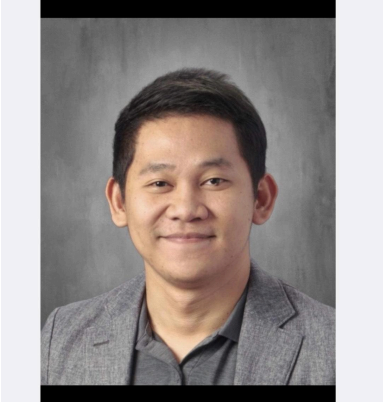


## Welcome to English Language Arts (ELA) 2024 - 2025



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### English Language Arts Course Syllabus

#### Course description:

This English Language Arts class is designed to increase your communications skills through reading, writing, speaking and listening and grammar. Our primary focus in English Language Arts class will be mastery of different writing styles, demonstration of the rules of grammar, and the ability to express yourself effectively through various mediums of communication in direct correspondence to the **NC English Language Arts Standard Course of Study Standards**.

This year you can expect to read a variety of fiction and non-fiction text including novels, short stories, dramas, poetry, and essays. These writing pieces will model the different writing styles we will be working on

ourselves.

Vocabulary, spelling, and supplemental grammar assignments (as needed) will also be an important part of this class. Because we are a community of learners, please also expect to work periodically in cooperative learning situations and to present information to your peers in collaborative teams as well as individually.

**Throughout the duration of the school year you will:**

- read and respond widely and deeply to foster a deeper understanding of the human experience
- use a variety of thinking strategies to understand, analyze, and create text for personal enrichment, inquiry, and problem solving
- collect, analyze, and cite specific evidence to formulate questions, construct arguments, make decisions, and reinforce thinking
- obtain, analyze, and synthesize information from a variety of resources to express information, change perspectives, clarify thinking, and make informed decisions.

Please understand that you will be expected to read outside of class as a component of our course. **Just understand that you should be reading a minimum of 20 minutes every night!**

**Be *Prepared*:** You must bring the requested supplies to class everyday unless specified otherwise:

- ✓ 2 Pocket Folders
- ✓ Notebook
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ Lined Paper
- ✓ Pencils

### My Schedule

Block	Subject
	<b>Homeroom &amp; Breakfast</b>
<b>1st Block</b>	<b>ELA</b>
<b>2nd Block</b>	<b>ELA</b>
<b>3rd Block</b>	<b>Planning</b>
<b>4th Block</b>	<b>ELA</b>
<b>5th Block</b>	<b>Viking Remediation</b>
<b>6th Block</b>	<b>ELA</b>

**7th Block**

**I.P. Time**

given when needed

### Grading

PERCENTAGE	FORM OF ASSESSMENT	EXPLANATION
45%	Tests and Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Class Test will be administered weekly at the end of each unit.</li> <li>- Projects may be group or individual.</li> <li>- There will be a test at the end of the quarter. (CFA)</li> <li>- District Level Assessments will be administered throughout the school year.</li> </ul>
10%	Quizzes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maybe planned or "pop" quizzes</li> </ul>
35%	Classwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Included daily work and participation</li> </ul>
10%	Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Homework will be assigned weekly.</li> <li>- Assignments will be posted in Google Classroom.</li> <li>- Packets will be</li> </ul>

### Non-negotiables

- a) No phones in the classroom.
- b) Avoid being Tardy.
- c) No Du-rags or Hoodies.
- d) STRICTLY NO Cursing.
- e) Refer to the classroom rules and regulations.

### Consequences

1. Verbal Warning.
2. Call home.
3. ISS
4. OSS

### Communication

In an effort to keep the lines of communication open and aid in the continued success of your student, the seventh grade team will make phone calls home to update you on your child's

progress. We look forward to  
working with you!

I have read and understood all of the above  
policies. I agree to contact a teacher on the  
seventh grade team should I have any  
questions or concerns.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTACT INFORMATION

(Please Complete and Sign by August 28,2024)

#### Parent/Guardian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Best way to make contact:

CALL TEXT EMAIL LETTER

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Best time to make contact:

MORNING AFTERNOON EVENING

ANYTIME

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

***“The best way to predict your future is to  
create it.” —Abraham Lincoln***

***“A little progress each day adds up to  
big results.” – Satya Nani***

***“The beautiful thing about learning is  
that nobody can take it away from you.”  
– B.B. King***

***“You don’t have to be great to start, but  
you have to start to be great.” – Zig Ziglar***