

ELAR 8 Syllabus

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Grade: 8 • **Credit:** 1.0 • **TEKS:** §110.24

Course Overview

Eighth Grade ELAR focuses on **reading, writing, listening, speaking, and critical thinking** skills. Students engage with a variety of literary and informational texts, develop analytical writing abilities, and practice effective communication strategies.

Objectives (Aligned with TEKS)

- Analyze plot, theme, characterization, and figurative language in literature.
 - Evaluate arguments, claims, and evidence in nonfiction texts.
 - Write narrative, expository, persuasive, and research-based texts.
 - Apply grammar, usage, and mechanics accurately in writing and speaking.
 - Build vocabulary through context, roots, and word analysis.
 - Strengthen speaking and listening skills through presentations and discussions.
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Course Structure

Unit	Focus
1	Short Stories & Literary Elements
2	Nonfiction Analysis & Argumentation
3	Poetry & Figurative Language
4	Novel Study
5	Drama & Character Analysis
6	Research & Presentation Projects

Assessment & Policies

- **Reading:** Comprehension checks, literary analysis, projects
- **Writing:** Essays, journals, research assignments, grammar exercises
- **Speaking/Listening:** Discussions, presentations, group projects
- **Research:** Inquiry-based projects with proper citations
- **Late Work:** Accepted up to 3 days with penalty
- **Plagiarism:** Prohibited; proper citation required
- **Parent Communication:** Maintained regularly
- **Grievances:** Follow district policy (SB 12)