

Department: MS ELA

Course Title: Accelerated English

Grade Level: 7

Length of Course: Full Year

Primary Resources:

- PA Common Core and Eligible Content Standards
- *Heath Grammar and Composition Grade 7*
- *Grade 7 Prentice Hall Literature (2006)*

Units of Study:

Unit 1 (Daily Bell Work Activities): Grammar

Unit 2 : Text Dependent Analysis Essays Intensive Review/ Story Elements
(includes a required summer reading requirements)

Unit 3 (Throughout the School Year) : Literature Circles- *Story elements, Conflict, Character Analysis, Making connections with differing texts.*

Unit 4 : Theme and summary- Narratives

Unit 5 : Argumentative reading and writing

Unit 6 : Poetry structures: *Analyze and create using figurative language and descriptive language.*

Unit 7 : Research writing

Curriculum-Based Assessments:

Written responses and TDA essays, tests, quizzes, and project-based assessments

Standardized Assessments: PSSA ELA Testing

Description of Course:

Students will read, comprehend, and analyze both fiction and nonfiction stories, articles, and essays. There is a strong writing component in ELA classes. Students will receive direct instruction in the fundamentals of language including parts of speech, sentence and paragraph structure, capitalization, punctuation, usage, spelling, and vocabulary. Students will write three types of essays: informative, narrative, and persuasive. They will use the writing process to produce essays of at least 5 paragraphs.

They will also use the TAGSS graphic organizer to complete text-dependent analysis essays. (Turn the prompt around, Answer the prompt, Give examples, Support examples with evidence, Summarize and conclude)

Accelerated English - 6th, 7th & 8th grades:

- Student must be proficient or advanced on their most recent PSSA ELA test;
- Students must maintain a 90% average in their previous grade English and Reading classes;
- Students must be recommended by their previous English and Reading teachers;

- Student's PVAAS scores should be greater than 60%.