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District 8: Grade 8

September 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7 Labor Day	8	9	10 First day of school	11
14 HMH Launch Expectations and Procedures Online Preparation/ Logistics (Grades 3-8: use WIN Period to complete iReady Screener)	15 Unit 2 Begins The Thrill of Horror Unit Launch: Day 1	16 NGLS: 8R2, 8R8 Analyze Literary Criticism Unit 2: Day 2 (<i>What Horror Genre</i>)	17 NGLS: 8R2, 8R8 Analyze Literary Criticism Unit 2: Day 3	18 NGLS: 8R2 Paraphrase and Summarize Unit 2: Day 4
21 Yom Kippur Schools Closed	22 NGLS: 8R2 Paraphrase and Summarize Unit 2: Day 5	23 NGLS: 8R2, 8R8 Paraphrase and Summarize Unit 2: Day 6	24 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Point of Analyze Point of View, Suspense Unit 2: Day 7 (<i>Tell Tale Heart</i>)	25 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Point of Analyze Point of View, Suspense Unit 2: Day 8
28 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Point of Analyze Point of View, Suspense Unit 2: Day 9	29 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Point of Analyze Point of View, Suspense Unit 2: Day 10	30 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Point of Analyze Point of View, Suspense Unit 2: Day 11		



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October 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Point of Analyze Point of View, Suspense Unit 2: Day 12	2 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Point of Analyze Point of View, Suspense Unit 2: Day 13
5 NGLS: 8R2, 8R4, 8R6 Analyze Themes Unit 2: Day 14 (<i>Monkey's Paw</i>)	6 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Foreshadowing Unit 2: Day 15	7 NGLS: 8R2, 8R4, 8R6 Analyze Themes Unit 2: Day 16	8 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Foreshadowing Unit 2: Day 17	9 NGLS: 8R2, 8R4, 8R6 Analyze Themes Unit 2: Day 18
12 Italian Heritage/ Indigenous People's Day Schools Closed	13 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Foreshadowing Unit 2: Day 19	14 NGLS: 8R2, 8R4, 8R6 Analyze Themes Unit 2: Day 20	15 NGLS: 8R2, 8R4, 8R6 Analyze Themes Unit 2: Day 21	16 NGLS: 8R7 Analyze Film Unit 2: Day 22 (<i>film Monkey's Paw</i>)
19 NGLS: 8R7 Analyze Film Unit 2: Day 23	20 NGLS: 8R7 Compare Versions Unit 2: Day 24	21 NGLS: 8R7 Compare Versions Unit 2: Day 25	22 NGLS: 8R3, 8R9 Analyze Epic Poetry Unit 2: Day 26 (<i>Aenid/ Hades</i>)	23 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Epic Poetry, Adaptation Unit 2: Day 27
26 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Epic Poetry, Adaptation Unit 2: Day 28	27 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Epic Poetry, Adaptation Unit 2: Day 29	28 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Epic Poetry, Adaptation Unit 2: Day 30	29 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Epic Poetry, Adaptation Unit 2: Day 31	30 End of Marking Period 1 NGLS: 8R6 Compare Versions Unit 2: Day 32



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November 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
NGLS: 8W5	Election Day	NGLS: 8W5, 8W1a	NGLS: 8W5	NGLS: 8L3 Writing 4:
Writing 1: Write a Literary Analysis	No School for Students	Writing 2 : Draft A Literary Analysis	Writing 3: Plan, Revise, and Edit	Edit, Revise Literary Analysis
Unit 2: Day 33		Unit 2: Day 34	Unit 2: Day 35	Unit 2: Day 36
9	10	11	12	13
NGLS: 8SL4	NGLS: 8SL4	Veteran's Day	MS: PTC	Unit 2 Assessment completed by 11/16 (ONLINE ONLY)
Writing 5: Edit, Revise Final Written Literary Analysis	Writing 6: Present Written Analysis	Schools Closed		Middle School Find and Assign Assessments.mp4
Unit 2: Day 37	Unit 2: Day 38			Unit 2: Day 39
16	17	18	19	20
Unit 2 Assessment completed by 11/16 (ONLINE ONLY)	Unit 3 Begins	NGLS: 8R2, 8R3	NGLS: 8R2, 8R3	NGLS: 8R2, 8R3
Unit 2: Day 40	Places We Call Home	Analyze Theme and Plot	Analyze Theme and Plot	Analyze Theme and Plot
	Unit Launch: Day 1	Unit 3: Day 2 (Book of Unknown)	Unit 3: Day 3	Unit 3: Day 4
23	24	25	26	27
NGLS: 8R2, 8R3	NGLS: 8R2, 8R3	NGLS: 8R2, 8R3	Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving
Analyze Theme and Plot	Analyze Theme and Plot	Analyze Theme and Plot	Schools Closed	Schools Closed
Unit 3: Day 5	Unit 3: Day 6	Unit 3: Day 7		
30				
NGLS: 8R2, 8R3				
Analyze Theme and Plot				
Unit 3: Day 8				



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December 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
	NGLS: 8R2, 8R3	NGLS: 8R3	NGLS: 8R3	NGLS: 8R3
	Analyze Theme and Plot	Analyze Plot and Character	Analyze Plot and Character	Analyze Plot and Character
	Unit 3: Day 9	Unit 3: Day 10 (<i>My Fav Chaperone</i>)	Unit 3: Day 11	Unit 3: Day 12
7	8	9	10	11
NGLS: 8R3	NGLS: 8R3	NGLS: 8R3	NGLS: 8R3	NGLS: 8R3
Analyze Plot and Character	Analyze Plot and Character	Analyze Plot and Character	Analyze Plot and Character	Analyze Plot and Character
Unit 3: Day 13	Unit 3: Day 14	Unit 3: Day 15	Unit 3: Day 16	Unit 3: Day 17
14	15	16	17	18
NGLS: 8R6, 8R7, 8R8	NGLS: 8R6, 8R7, 8R8	NGLS: 8R6, 8R7, 8R8	NGLS: 8R5, 8R8	NGLS: 8R5, 8R8
Evaluate a Documentary	Evaluate a Documentary	Evaluate a Documentary	Analyze Text Elements	Analyze Text Elements
Unit 3: Day 18 (<i>New Immigrants/Common Bond</i>)	Unit 3: Day 19	Unit 3: Day 20	Unit 3: Day 21	Unit 3: Day 22
21	22	23	24	25
NGLS: 8R5, 8R8	NGLS: 8R5, 8R8	End of Marking Period 2 NGLS: 8R5, 8R6, 8R9		Christmas
Analyze Text Elements	Analyze Text Elements	Compare Purposes	Winter Recess	Winter Recess
Unit 3: Day 23	Unit 3: Day 24	Unit 3: Day 25	Schools closed	Schools closed
28	29	30	31	
Winter Recess	Winter Recess	Winter Recess	Winter Recess	
Schools closed	Schools closed	Schools closed	Schools closed	



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January 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
				Winter Recess
				Schools closed
4	5	6	7	8
	NGLS: 8W3		NGLS: 8W3	NGLS: 8W3 Writing 4:
ELA Screener	Writing Day 1: Plan a Short Story	Writing 2: Draft and write a Short Story	Writing 3: Draft and write a Short Story	Improve Writing by Planning, Revising, Editing, and Rewriting a Short Story
(Grades 3-8: use WIN Period to complete iReady Screener)	Unit 3: Day 25	Unit 3: Day 26	Unit 3: Day 27	Unit 3: Day 28
11	12	13	14	15
NGLS: 8W3 Writing 5:	NGLS: 8W3 Writing 6:	NGLS: 8W3 Writing 7:	<u>Unit 3 Assessment completed by 1/15 (ONLINE ONLY)</u>	<u>Unit 3 Assessment completed by 1/15 (ONLINE ONLY)</u>
Improve Writing by Planning, Revising, Editing, and Rewriting a Short Story	Improve Writing by Planning, Revising, Editing, and Rewriting a Short Story	Improve Writing by Planning, Revising, Editing, and Rewriting a Short Story	<u>Middle School Find and Assign Assessments.mp4</u>	<u>Middle School Find and Assign Assessments.mp4</u>
Unit 3: Day 29	Unit 3: Day 30	Unit 3: Day 31	Unit 3: Day 32	Unit 3: Day 33
18	19	20	21	22
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Unit 4 Begins	NGLS: 8R3, 8R6	NGLS: 8R3, 8R6	NGLS: 8R5, 8R6
Schools Closed	The Fight for Freedom	Analyze Autobiography	Analyze Autobiography	Analyze Structure
	Unit Launch: Day 1	Unit 4: Day 2 (Frederick Douglass)	Unit 4: Day 3	Unit 4: Day 4
25	26	27	28	29
NGLS: 8R3, 8R6	NGLS: 8R3, 8R6	NGLS: 8R3, 8R6	NGLS: 8R3, 8R6	NGLS: 8R1, 8R4
Analyze Autobiography and Analyze structure	Analyze Autobiography and Analyze structure	Analyze Autobiography and Analyze structure	Analyze Autobiography and Analyze structure	Analyze Setting and Literary Devices
Unit 4: Day 5	Unit 4: Day 6	Unit 4: Day 7	Unit 4: Day 8	Unit 4: Day 9 (Drummer Boy)



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February 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 NGLS: 8R1, 8R4 Analyze Setting and Literary Devices Unit 4: Day 10	2 NGLS: 8R1, 8R4 Analyze Setting and Literary Devices Unit 4: Day 11	3 NGLS: 8R1, 8R4 Analyze Setting and Literary Devices Unit 4: Day 12	4 NGLS: 8R1, 8R4 Analyze Setting and Literary Devices Unit 4: Day 13	5 NGLS: 8R1, 8R4 Analyze Setting and Literary Devices Unit 4: Day 14
8 NGLS: 8R1, 8R4, 8R6 Analyze Biography and Word Choice Unit 4: Day 15 (<i>Harriet Tubman</i>)	9 NGLS: 8R1, 8R4, 8R6 Analyze Biography and Word Choice Unit 4: Day 16	10 NGLS: 8R1, 8R4, 8R6 Analyze Biography and Word Choice Unit 4: Day 17	11 NGLS: 8R1, 8R4, 8R6 Analyze Biography and Word Choice Unit 4: Day 18	12 NGLS: 8R1, 8R4, 8R6 Analyze Biography and Word Choice Unit 4: Day 19
15 Midwinter Recess Schools closed	16 Midwinter Recess Schools closed	17 Midwinter Recess Schools closed	18 Midwinter Recess Schools closed	19 Midwinter Recess Schools closed
22 NGLS: 8R1, 8R4, 8R6 Analyze Biography and Word Choice Unit 4: Day 20	23 NGLS: 8R1, 8R4, 8R6 Analyze Biography and Word Choice Unit 4: Day 21	24 NGLS: 8R4, 8L5a Analyze Figurative Language Unit 4: Day 22 (Bones)	25 NGLS: 8R4, 8L5a Analyze Figurative Language Unit 4: Day 23	26 End of Marking Period 3 NGLS: 8R4, 8L5a Analyze Figurative Language Unit 4: Day 24



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March 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 NGLS: 8R3, 8R5 Analyze Chronological Structure Unit 4: Day 25	2 NGLS: 8R3, 8R5 Analyze Chronological Structure Unit 4: Day 26	3 NGLS: 8R3, 8R5 Analyze Chronological Structure Unit 4: Day 27	4 MS: PTC	5 NGLS: 8R7 Compare Treatments Unit 4: Day 28
8 NGLS: 8R7 Compare Treatments Unit 4: Day 29	9 NGLS: 8W2, 8W6, 8W7 Writing Day 1: Plan and write a Research Report Unit 4: Day 30	10 Eid al- Fitr Schools closed	11 NGLS: 8W2, 8W6, 8W7 Writing 2: Write a Research Report Unit 4: Day 31	12 NGLS: 8W5 Writing 3: Draft and Write a Research report Unit 4: Day 32
15 NGLS: 8L3 Writing 4: Improve Writing by Planning, Revising, Editing, and Rewriting Unit 4: Day 33	16 NGLS: 8W3 Writing 5: Improve Writing by Planning, Revising, Editing, and Rewriting Unit 4: Day 34	17 NGLS: 8W3 Writing 6: Improve Writing by Planning, Revising, Editing, and Rewriting Unit 4: Day 35	18 NGLS: 8W3 Writing 7: Improve Writing by Planning, Revising, Editing, and Rewriting Unit 4: Day 36	19 Unit 4 Assessment completed by 3/22 (ONLINE ONLY) Middle School_Find and Assign Assessments.mp4 Unit 4: Day 37
22 Unit 4 Assessment completed by 3/22 (ONLINE ONLY) Unit 4: Day 38	23 Unit 5 Begins Finding Your Path Unit Launch: Day 1	24 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Perspectives and Characterization Unit 5: Day 2 (<i>Bronx Masquerade</i>)	25 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Perspectives and Characterization Unit 5: Day 3	26 Good Friday Schools closed
29 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Perspectives and Characterization Unit 5: Day 4	30 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Perspectives and Characterization Unit 5: Day 5	31 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Perspectives and Characterization Unit 5: Day 6		



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April 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
			NGLS: 8R3, 8R6	NGLS: 8R5, 8R6
			Analyze Perspectives and Characterization	Analyze Structure and purpose
			Unit 5: Day 7	Unit 5: Day 8 (<i>Debt we owe</i>)
5	6	7	8	9
NGLS: 8R5, 8R6	NGLS: 8R5, 8R6	NGLS: 8R5, 8R6	NGLS: 8R5, 8R6	NGLS: 8R6, 8R8
Analyze Structure and purpose	Analyze Structure and purpose	Analyze Structure and purpose	Analyze Structure and purpose	Analyze Claim, counterclaim and Evidence
Unit 5: Day 9	Unit 5: Day 10	Unit 5: Day 11	Unit 5: Day 12	Unit 5: Day 13 (<i>It's Complicated</i>)
12	13	14	15	16
NGLS: 8R6, 8R8	NGLS: 8R6, 8R8	NGLS: 8R6, 8R8	NGLS: 8R6, 8R8	NGLS: 8R6, 8R8
Analyze Claim, counterclaim and Evidence	Analyze Claim, counterclaim and Evidence	Analyze Claim, counterclaim and Evidence	Analyze Claim, counterclaim and Evidence	Analyze Claim, counterclaim and Evidence
Unit 5: Day 14	Unit 5: Day 15	Unit 5: Day 16	Unit 5: Day 17	Unit 5: Day 18
19	20	21	22	23
ELA State Test Place Holder	ELA State Test Place Holder	Spring Recess	Spring Recess	Spring Recess
		Schools closed	Schools closed	Schools closed
26	27	28	29	30
Spring Recess	Spring Recess	Spring Recess	Spring Recess	Spring Recess
Schools closed	Schools closed	Schools closed	Schools closed	Schools closed

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May 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 NGLS: 8R6, 8R8 Analyze Claim, counterclaim and Evidence Unit 5: Day 19	4 NGLS: 8R4, 8R5, 8R8 Analyze Structure and Rhetorical Devices Unit 5: Day 20 (<i>Outsmart Smartphone</i>)	5 NGLS: 8R4, 8R5, 8R8 Analyze Structure and Rhetorical Devices Unit 5: Day 21	6 NGLS: 8R4, 8R5, 8R8 Analyze Structure and Rhetorical Devices Unit 5: Day 22	7 NGLS: 8R4, 8R5, 8R8 Analyze Structure and Rhetorical Devices Unit 5: Day 23
10 NGLS: 8R4, 8R5, 8R8 Analyze Structure and Rhetorical Devices Unit 5: Day 24	11 NGLS 8R6, 8R8 Compare Arguments Unit 5: Day 25	12 NGLS 8R6, 8R8 Compare Arguments Unit 5: Day 26	13 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Perspectives/Characterization Unit 5: Day 27 (<i>Arrivals/Departures</i>)	14 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Perspectives/Characterization Unit 5: Day 28
17	18	19	20	21
Eid al-Adha	ELA Screener	NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Perspectives/Characterization	NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Perspectives/Characterization	NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Perspectives/Characterization
Schools closed	(Grades 3-8: use WIN Period to complete iReady Screener)	Unit 5: Day 29	Unit 5: Day 30	Unit 5: Day 31
24 NGLS: 8R3, 8R6 Analyze Perspectives/Characterization Unit 5: Day 32	25 NGLS 8W1 Writing Day 1: Write an Argument Unit 5: Day 33	26 NGLS 8W1 Writing 2: Write and Draft an Argument Unit 5: Day 34	27 NGLS 8W1 Writing 3: Write and Draft an Argument Unit 5: Day 35	28 End of Marking Period 4 NGLS 8W1, 8L3 Writing 4: Improve Writing by Planning, Revising, Editing, and Rewriting Unit 5: Day 36
31 Memorial Day Schools closed				



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June 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 NGLS 8W1, 8L3	2 NGLS 8W1, 8L3	3 Unit 5 Assessment completed by 6/4 (ONLINE ONLY)	4 Unit 5 Assessment completed by 6/4 (ONLINE ONLY)
	Writing 5: Improve Writing by Planning, Revising, Editing, and Rewriting Unit 5: Day 37	Writing 6: Improve Writing by Planning, Revising, Editing, and Rewriting Unit 5: Day 38	Middle School Find and Assign Assessments.mp4 Unit 5: Day 39	Middle School Find and Assign Assessments.mp4 Unit 5: Day 40
7	8	9	10	11
	Clerical Day No students		Anniversary Day/ Chancellor's Conference Day No Students	
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28 Last Day of School	29	30		