



## English Language Arts/Literature Grade 6

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**Remind:** TBA

**Conference Period:** 10:04-10:49am

**Tutoring Opportunities:** 7:45-8:15 am Tuesday and Thursday

### Class Materials:

- 1 Spiral Notebook
- Post-it Notes
- Index cards
- Highlighters
- Pens and Pencils
- Notebook Paper

Access to Canvas and Office365 tools is available to students through our [Single Sign-on Portal \(SSO\)](#). Students receive their SSO login during enrollment.

### Course Description:

**406021** – English Language Arts 6 Along with developing research and language skills, students are able to select and use different forms of writing. Students vary sentence structure and use more complex punctuation such as hyphens, semicolons, and possessives. Students edit their writing based on their knowledge of grammar and usage, spelling, and punctuation to produce final error-free pieces of written composition.

**Taken with 406041.**

**406041** – Literature (Reading) 6 Emphasis on vocabulary, listening skills, reading rate and the reading/writing connection is an ongoing part of the program. Strong attention is given to increasing both the ability and desire to read. Students study fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama. **Taken with 406021.**

### Course Goals:

Students who complete this course successfully will be able to:

- Identify their reading and writing identity to cultivate and grow as students of English Language Arts.
- Ask and answer questions that require inference and critical thinking.
- Write and talk in response to independent texts read during and outside of class.
- Maintain organized Literature and Writing journals that contain their thoughts and responses to reading and writing prompts.
- Explore and understand different genres of writing, and the structure and components of each.
- Maintain and curate a Writing Portfolio.

### Student Evaluation:

The grading system for this course is as follows:

- Grade averaged 60% Major 40% Minor
- Major grades – tests (including District Common Assessments, projects, final essays, research papers, presentations); minimum three per six weeks
- Minor grades – quizzes, daily assignments, journals; minimum four per six weeks
- Each six weeks will count as 1/6 and the semester exam will count as 1/7 of the semester grade.
- A letter system (S, N, U) is used to report a student’s conduct based on proper/responsive conduct and citizenship
- Per Board Policy EIA (LOCAL), “The District shall permit a student who meets the criteria detailed in the grading guidelines a reasonable opportunity to redo an assignment or retake a test for which the student received a **failing** grade. This policy applies only to initial identified major grades and does not apply to daily assignments and quizzes. Upon reteach and retest, the new test, project, etc. recorded will be a high score of 70%.
- Official grades will be in Skyward only and can be accessed by student and parent through Family Access.

**Assignments, exams, expectations outside of the classroom:**

A spiral notebook will be used for grammar skills. An online OneNote notebook will be used for reading and writing strategy practice. Assignments will be done in class, unless an assignment needs to be finished for homework. On occasion, there could be projects that will require work be done at home. Each six weeks there will be pre and post writing assignments followed by a completed writing piece, to be placed in students’ portfolios. In addition, students will also take pre and post district assessments each six weeks. The students will be tracking their progress and setting goals after each of these assessments.

**Attendance/Tardy Policy/Make-Up Work:**

If students miss class due to absence or tardy, it is expected that he/she make up that work by accessing the assignment via Canvas. If your student is absent, please make sure a note is turned into the main office upon arrival back to campus. We will follow the Marine Creek campus tardy policy. Students need to be in the classroom before the tardy bell rings. If students are late, they will need to have an E-pass or they will be counted tardy. Each six weeks, tardiness will be cumulative as follows:

- 1-4 Tardies – Will receive a warning
- 5-10 Tardies – Will receive lunch detention
- 11+ Tardies – Will receive ISS (In-School Suspension)

**Classroom Expectations:**

For students to be successful in my classroom, I expect them to come to class prepared, participate, complete assignments, and communicate.

**Preliminary Schedule of Topics, Readings, and Assignments**

**1<sup>st</sup> Six Weeks-** Launching Reader’s/Writer’s Notebooks and Structure to support Short Stories and Literary Texts, Narrative Writing, and Learning Grammar Skills.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Six Weeks-** Reading Nonfiction, Research and Digital Writing, and Learning Grammar Skills

**3<sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks-** Reading Poetry and Drama, Writing Poetry, and Learning Grammar Skills

**4<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks-** Reading Literary and Multimodal Texts and Writing a Literary (Argument) Essay and Learning Grammar Skills.

**5<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks-** Reading Multiple Genres (Myths, Historical Fiction, Adventure, Short Stories, Realistic Fiction, Humor/Folktales, and Argumentative Texts), Writing Fiction, and Learning Grammar Skills.

**6<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks-** Spiral STAAR Skills and focused reading groups. Writing a reflection project. Review Grammar Concepts in preparation for STAAR.

**Academic Integrity:**

Academic integrity values the work of individuals regardless if it is another student's work, a researcher, or author. The pursuit of learning requires each student to be responsible for his or her academic work. Academic dishonesty is not tolerated in our schools. Academic dishonesty includes cheating, copying the work of another student, plagiarism, and unauthorized communication between students during an examination. The determination that a student has engaged in academic dishonesty shall be based on the judgment of the classroom teacher or other supervising professional employee and considers written materials, observation, or information from students. Students found to have engaged in academic dishonesty shall be subject to disciplinary and/or academic penalties. The teacher and campus administrator shall jointly determine such action.