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Language Arts

Course syllabus - 2022-2023



Class Description

The purpose of ELA is to promote the development of critical thinking and communication skills through dialogue, writing, and enriched vocabulary. Students will develop and improve their reading and writing skills so that they can CONNECT, CREATE, COLLABORATE, and COMMUNICATE effectively in our world.

Class Expectations

1. **Be kind.**
2. **Accept responsibility for your learning.** Turn in your work on time. Be organized. See me if you have questions. It's my job to help you.
3. **Have a positive attitude.** We are Team Lions, so take PRIDE in your work. Don't judge a person or assignment too soon. Always make an honest effort.

Standards (PSSTs)

Class Information

Team: Lions

Teacher:

Mrs. Haane B. Leon Guerrero

Email:

hibarcinas@gdoe.net

School Phone:

300-2727/2726

Team Website:

8ALIONS.WEEBLY.COM

GDOE Mission

Every student: Responsible, respectful, & ready for life

GDOE Vision

Prepares all students for life, promotes excellence, and provides support.

Supplies-to-go

All students will receive:
3 composition notebooks
10 plastic folders (prongs)
3-pack erasable gel pens
1 white out
1 clip board

1st Semester:

- (W.8.1) Research Writing
- (W.8.2) Informative Writing

2nd Semester:

- (W.8.3) Narrative Writing
- (W.8.8) Argumentative Writing

Year Round:

- (W.8.4) Produce clear and coherent writing
- (W.8.5) With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing
- Vocabulary, Journaling, Outlining, Standard English conventions (punctuation, capitalization, etc.)

Instructional Strategies and Resources

- Cooperative Learning
- Digital Projects and Presentations
- Student-led discussions
- Some assignments are given for practice and to support classroom instruction. Adequate class time will be given for students to complete assignments.



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Grading

LPUMS will be implementing Standards-Based Grading (SBG). Students will be evaluated accordingly:

Level	Description
4	ADVANCED understanding & application of the standard(s). Exceeds standard(s) expectations.
3.5	PROFICIENT understanding of the standard(s) and progressing toward Level 4.
3	PROFICIENT understanding of the standard(s) and progressing toward Level 4.
2.5	Meets PARTIAL understanding of the standard(s) and progressing toward Level 3.
2	Meets PARTIAL understanding of the standard(s) and progressing toward Level 3.
1	Meets LESS THAN PARTIAL understanding of the standard. Continued supports are in place.

Citizenship

Level	Description	Citizenship Target Skills
4	Student meets all 6 criteria	Participates in discussions, asks questions, stays on task
3.5	Student meets 5/6 citizenship targets	Organizes materials, uses time effectively
3	Student meets 4/6 citizenship targets	Completes & submits assignments regularly & on time
2.5	Student meets 3/6 citizenship targets	Respectful & appropriate behavior toward others
2	Student meets 2/6 citizenship targets	Follows school and classroom expectations
1	Student meets 1/6 citizenship targets	Attends class regularly and on time

Policies

Reassessments:

Major assessments scoring less than a 3 (TARGET) are the only grades that may be reassessed. Students have 5 school days from the time an assignment is returned to complete and submit any work to be reassessed. The opportunity to redo assignments is only permitted if ALL minor assignments (homework, practices, vocabulary, etc.) are up to date. As eighth grade students, you are responsible for checking your assignment notices on Google Classroom on a regular basis. You will be expected to complete your assignments in a timely manner without constant reminders from your teacher(s).

Attendance:

Attendance will be marked and monitored according to the district and school policies for attendance. Student attendance policies can be found in the Student Handbook. Attendance can be monitored on the PowerSchool Parent Portal.



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LPUMS SCHOOLWIDE POLICIES

COMPUTER/NETWORK ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

LPUMS offers students access to computer technology and the Internet. Students must agree to abide by the rules of this policy in order to use the school's computers and network. The educational use of LPUMS computers and networks should be geared towards classroom activities, assignments, communication, and career development. All students should have access to the Internet through their classrooms, library, or school computer lab. Appropriate online etiquette should be conducted when using LPUMS computers.

TEXTBOOK POLICY

Students will be issued a numbered textbook (whether it be issued to be taken home or to be used in class). Students will be responsible for their issued textbook should it be damaged or lost. If a class set is provided, students must immediately report to the teacher any visible damages seen so the teacher may investigate. Parents will be charged should it be determined that the student was negligent with the book, causing damage or resulting in it being lost. (Please refer to www.gdoe.net to Board Policy 601 for the detailed policy.)

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Directory Information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. If you do not want DOE to disclose directory information from your child's educational records without your consent, you must notify the school principal of this request in writing within 2 weeks of the start of the school year.

MEDIA RELEASE

To promote positive school-wide events at LPUMS, student photographs and interviews may be forwarded to various news media and/or posted on our school website. Should you opt not to have your child's photograph taken, you must notify the school principal of this request in writing within 2 weeks of the start of the school year.

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PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION TO MRS. LEON GUERRERO (LIONS - LANGUAGE ARTS)

I have read the Team Lions Language Arts Syllabus, and I understand what is expected of my child to achieve success in this course.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parental Acknowledgement

Please acknowledge that you have read the School Uniform Policy, the AUP Policy, Textbook Policy, Directory Information, and the Media Release.

Parent/Guardian Initial: _____

Administrative Approval: _____

Ms. Corazon Elane, Vice Principal

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