

7th Grade English Language Arts 2025-2026

Course Syllabus and Procedures

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Dear Students and Parents/ Guardians:

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! I am very pleased to have your child in my English Language Arts class.

I want all of my students to be challenged and engaged in the learning process as we read, write, speak, and listen. My "door" is always open for questions, concerns, visits, and suggestions! It is going to be a great year!

Supplies: Composition notebook, Loose Leaf Paper (Filler Paper), folder, pencils, highlighters

Textbook: HMH/ Online E-Book

Class Activities:

- **HMH:** Our textbook offers high interest and challenging informational and literature selections.
- **Writing:** Text based expository and argumentative essays, narrative writing, and research reports will all be practiced.
- **CommonLit:** A digital tool that helps students develop higher-order reading and writing skills.
- **Vocabulary:** The words are aligned with our HMH textbook. Students will interact with words through activities, Blooket, and Quizlet.

Grading System: Major grades will be worth **40%** while minor assignments will be worth **60%** of the total grade.

Late Work: Students who do not turn-in assignments (class work, performance, writing, etc.) at the designated time and/ or date are still allowed to complete the assignment after the due date. Make-up work is accepted with no penalties only with an excused absence. It is the **STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY** to ask for make-up assignments. Five (5) Points will be deducted until the assignment is turned in for up to five days. After the five days are up, the assignment will no longer be accepted.

Plagiarism: At Belair Middle School we do not tolerate plagiarism on any level. When the assignment calls for students to produce original work, students will not use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to generate the assignment for them. Academic dishonesty will be punished according to the rules outlined in the Code of Conduct.

My Expectations: Respect your teacher, yourself and others; Arrive prepared and ready to learn; Be on time; Show kindness; Participate actively; Complete all assignments; Always do your best! Negative behaviors will be addressed through the discipline matrix set in place by teachers and administrators.

Class Dojo 🤖

Class Dojo is how we will communicate important messages and classroom updates. This is also a great tool to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Please make sure your student signs up in their homeroom class!

*Receipt of 7th Grade ELA Course Syllabus & Classroom
Expectations by Mrs. Calahan*

CUT, SIGN, & RETURN

Please sign below to indicate that you have read and reviewed the class expectations and overview in this syllabus.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Is there anything you'd like me to know about your child?