**Overview**   
The 8th grade English Language Arts course in the Richmond County School System utilizes a structured literacy approach grounded in the science of reading. This approach aligns with the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE) standards and emphasizes the following domains:

* **Practices (P)**: Students engage in routine literacy practices that support and refine their skills in reading, writing, and language.
* **Language (L)**: Students learn and apply standard English structures and conventions, analyze grammar in reading and writing, and expand their vocabulary.
* **Texts (T)**: Students grow as readers and writers by purposefully engaging with a variety of texts, enhancing their understanding and skills.

Through this comprehensive approach, students develop the literacy skills necessary for academic success and lifelong learning.

**CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:**

**\*\*\*\* CELLPHONES COMPLETELY ARE PROHIBITED! \*\*\*\***

1. Students are EXPECTED to come to class with all materials daily.

2. Students are EXPECTED not to use profanity.

3. Students are EXPECTED to refrain from eating, drinking, and/or grooming in the

classroom.

4. Students are EXPECTED to respect themselves, all staff members, and each other

as well as the property of others.

5. Students are EXPECTED to use computer software and always reading materials appropriately.

6. Students are EXPECTED to abide by all classroom and RCBOE rules.

***PLAGAIRIZISM IS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE AND WILL RESULT IN A ZERO AND PARENT CONFERENCE!***

**CURRICULUM MAP:**

Unit 1: Poetic Techniques

Unit 2: Argumentative Techniques

Unit 3: Expository Techniques

Unit 4: Narrative Techniques

Unit 5: Research & Analysis

Unit 6: Review Unit

**GRADE WEIGHT:**

Classwork/Quizzes- 60%

Projects/Tests- 40%

**Late/Missed Work:**

Students will need to address the teacher as to what was missed. Assignments will be listed in Infinite Campus as “Missing”. Late work will be accepted but will result in grade of a 70. Students have up to five days to complete and submit missing assignments.