

Seventh Grade Language Arts

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Language Arts Mission Statement: Frankfort 157C implements a balanced literacy program which will encourage students to become life-long readers by presenting a variety of literary genre using a multitude of instructional techniques.

Course Description: This class meets for one forty-three minute period daily. In this class all elements of language arts are integrated. The texts to be used are *Language Network* and *Vocabulary Workshop*.

I. Grammar

- A. The eight parts of speech
- B. Punctuation and capitalization
- C. Sentence structure, paragraphing, and related writing skills
- D. Communication skills
- E. Daily Oral Language

II. Vocabulary

- A. Vocabulary in context. Words will be used in reading and writing in a variety of different uses and meanings.
- B. Definitions, including synonyms, antonyms, and illustrative sentences will be used.
- C. Vocabulary strategies, word structure, and, again, context will be stressed for decoding word meanings.
- D. A review of etymologies, Latin and Greek roots, prefixes, and suffixes will be a regular part of typical lessons.
- E. Analogies and other comparative relationships between words will be emphasized to develop high-level thinking skills.

III. Writing

- A. Essay Writing
 - 1. Narrative
 - 2. Expository
 - 3. Persuasive
- B. Creative Writing
 - 1. Stories
 - 2. Poetry
 - 3. Informal Responses
 - 4. Book Reflections

Grading Policy:

1. The following grading scale has been adopted by the Frankfort 157C Board of Education.

90-100 = A

80-89 = B

70-79 = C

60-69 = D

2. Grades are derived from the following sources: daily work, quizzes, tests, writing assignments, projects, and participation.
3. Grades are weighted according to the length and difficulty of the material and the purpose of the work.
4. Students are informed beforehand the weight or point value of a grade.
5. Most projects are assigned with an accompanying "Requirement Sheet", so students are informed about project expectations.
6. Students are given a variety of methods and opportunities to reflect learning.
7. Extra credit will be offered on occasion to the entire class. When this occurs, student participation is optional. .

Communication

1. The phone number of Hickory Creek Middle School is **469-4474**. If you are unable to contact a teacher, please leave your name, number, and a convenient time for you to be contacted, and your call will be returned.
2. Our e-mail addresses are: **tgatsios@fsd157c.org**
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3. Parent conferences are generally scheduled with your child's teaching team. Team conferences will be scheduled on **Wednesdays, 10:30 A.M.-11:00 A.M.**