

COURSE DESCRIPTION
SEVENTH GRADE
LANGUAGE ARTS

Philosophy Statement: Language is recognized as a God given gift. Teaching reading, writing, grammar, spelling, and vocabulary empowers students to communicate effectively with others and with God. Students will have the ability and opportunity to express themselves creatively, preparing them for future endeavors.

Objectives: The students will understand and give examples of the basic literary elements and develop critical thinking skills. They will identify the eight parts of speech within a sentence and use the parts of speech correctly. Students will use capitalization and punctuation correctly. They will practice various types of writing, developing paragraph unity and writing in their style.

Textbooks: Prentice Hall Literature, Grade 7 (Pearson Prentice Hall)
Vocabulary Spelling Poetry I, Grade 7 (A Beka Book)
Easy Grammar Plus (Wanda C. Phillips)
6+1 Traits of Writing (Educational Northwest)

Novels: Crispin: The Cross of Lead (Avi)
Hiding Place (Corrie Ten Boom)
Crash (J.G.Ballard)

Materials: Student textbooks
BCS Grade 7 Writing Guide
English Notebook

Time Allotment: 1 hr.45 min. block, 2 days per week; +50 minute period, 1 day a week

Course Content:	<u>Literature</u>	<u>Grammar</u>	<u>Writing</u>
	Short Stories	Prepositions	Descriptive Essay
	Drama	Verbs	Persuasive Essay
	Nonfiction	Interjections/Conjunctions	Narrative Essay
	Poetry	Nouns	Technical Writing Essay
	Novels	Adjectives	Literary Analysis Essay
		Adverbs	
		Sentences	
		Pronouns	
		Capitalization/Punctuation	

Areas to be Evaluated: Class and homework assignments
Individual and group projects
Quizzes and tests
Writing Assignments

Additional Activities: Journal writing, poetry writing, written responses in assignments, book reports, literature projects