

English Language Arts Addendum

Our Department

The English Language Arts Department at South Jordan Middle School offers courses designed to improve a student's ability to read, write, speak, listen, research and comprehend text.

Writing is an integral part of the curriculum, and we seek to improve proficiency in all types of writing, in order to be college and career ready. Reading comprehension skills emphasize literal, interpretive, critical, and creative thinking. Basic vocabulary will be covered in literature-related words, word relationships and word parts. We use the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) and other assessments to determine a student's reading growth.

Literary Expectations

The ELA department at South Jordan Middle School promotes reading comprehension and literary passion. Students are required to have a personal reading book with them in class daily. Fridays are set aside for literacy skill development.

Grading Scale

Assessments - 45% (Final tests, essays, formal projects)

Assignments - 35% (Daily work, writing practice, vocabulary, skills practice)

Participation - 10% (PROWL, journals)

Reading - 10% (AR, Friday reading assignments, reading projects)

Cheating & Plagiarism

If a student cheats on a class assignment or test, that student will receive a zero on the assignment/test and an 'N' or 'U' in citizenship.

Teachers will clearly define plagiarism for students. If a student chooses to plagiarize an assignment, that student may re-do the assignment at 50% credit, and parents will be notified. On subsequent infractions, that student will receive a zero on all plagiarized assignments.

Videos in Class

Occasionally, we watch videos that enhance our learning experience. According to Jordan District Policy, the majority of the videos will be G rated. Some videos are rated PG or not rated and have PG content. Please see our Video Opt-out Form if you choose to opt-out your student from watching these videos. We will never show PG-13 videos or videos with PG-13 content.