

**Sanborn Regional School District**  
**Middle School Course Syllabus and Competencies**

<b>Course Title:</b> <i>Language Arts</i>		<b>Grade:</b> 6	
Course Description: 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts, is a course designed to encourage students to enhance interactive language skills. Students will explore and examine a wide variety of literature to enhance comprehension and appreciation. Students will write a variety of forms to develop ideas, share information, influence, persuade, create, and entertain. Students will develop spelling, grammar, and mechanics. Students will also read independently.			
Text/Major Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prentice Hall Grammar and Composition/Write Source</li> <li>• <u>Maniac Magee</u> by Jerry Spinelli, <u>Walk Two Moons</u> by Sharon Creech, <u>The Giver</u> by Lois Lowry</li> </ul>			
<b>Course Competencies</b> <b>Reading</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read accurately and fluently</li> <li>2. Practice questions before, during and after reading to understand and recall new information</li> <li>3. Understand the elements of a story and the importance of the setting</li> <li>4. Summarize the key ideas/plot in a story with major events sequenced</li> <li>5. Make inferences about cause /effect, external conflicts or the relationship among elements within the text</li> <li>6. Use information from text to answer questions related to main/central ideas or key details</li> <li>7. Organizes information to show understanding</li> </ol>		<b>Writing</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write daily and across the curriculum</li> <li>2. Practice the writing process of prewriting, writing, drafting, revising, editing and critiquing to produce final drafts of written products</li> <li>3. Use varied sentence length and structure to enhance meaning</li> <li>4. Identify the purpose and audience for their writing</li> <li>5. Connect what has been read to prior knowledge and other texts by referring to relevant ideas</li> <li>6. Use lead/hook sentences to engage the reader</li> <li>7. Apply rules of standard English usage to correct grammatical errors</li> </ol>	
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade English Essential Questions:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is it important to develop one's writing skills?, What are the real world benefits of strong English skills?</li> <li>• How are reading and writing connected?, What kinds of connections can we make to literature?</li> </ul>			
<u>Instructional Practices</u>		<u>Assessment Strategies</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Writing Across the Curriculum/Differentiated Instruction</li> <li>✓ Cooperative Learning/Writing Workshop/Essential Questions</li> <li>✓ Big 6 Research/6+ Writing Traits /Key 3 Reading</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Student Writing Portfolio</li> <li>✓ NECAP, NWEA, Common assessments</li> <li>✓ Poetry, Narratives, Essays, Research/Speeches/Presentations</li> </ul>	
<b>Sanborn Regional Middle School Mission and Expectations</b>			
<p>The faculty and staff of the Sanborn Regional Middle School have a commitment to recognize and nurture each student's abilities within the context of the educational setting. Through reflection, reinforcement and challenge we anchor within the student a sense of his/her ability, success, and dignity.</p> <p>We believe this goal is best served when a holistic approach is used.</p>			
<u>Students</u> <b>Recognize student ability</b> <b>Nurture student ability</b> <b>Help students recognize their strengths and needs</b> Help students recognize their success Help students behave with dignity	<u>Classroom Lessons and Activities</u> <b>Ask students to reflect on their learning</b> Create experiences that reinforce skills Offer opportunities for students to be challenged	<u>Classroom Climate</u> Create a safe classroom climate <b>Develop clear and coherent expectations</b> Provide a consistent system for expectations, behavior, and assessment	<u>Communications</u> Develop partnerships with community Develop partnerships with parents
GRADEQUICK: Parents and students may access grades and course information on EDLINE: <a href="https://www.edline.net/index.page">https://www.edline.net/index.page</a> All student grades are updated every two weeks.			