

Sanborn Regional School District
Middle School Course Syllabus and Competencies

Course Title: <i>Language Arts</i>		Grade: 7	
Course Description: 7 th 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 be encouraged to identify strengths and weaknesses in writing and seek feedback from teacher and peer conferences to improve their writing.			
Text/Major Resources: _Prentice Hall Grammar & Composition, Write Source 2000 The Call of the Wild, The Cay, The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, Eragon, Phantom Toll Booth			
Course Competencies Reading <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read accurately and fluently 2. Practice questions before, during and after reading to enhance/expand understanding and gain new information 3. Summarize the key ideas/plot in a story with major events sequenced 4. Make inferences about how an event gives rise to the next, internal conflicts or the relationship among elements within the text such as person versus self and person versus nature/society/fate. 5. Use information from text to answer questions , to state the main/central ideas or to provide supporting details 6. Organizes information to show understanding 7. Participate in in-depth discussions about text, ideas and student writing by offering comments and supporting evidence 		Writing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write daily and across the curriculum 2. Practice the writing process of prewriting, writing, drafting, revising, editing and critiquing to produce final drafts of written products 3. Use varied sentence length and structure to enhance meaning 4. Identify the purpose and audience for their writing 5. Connect what has been read to prior knowledge, other texts or to the broader world of ideas by referring to and explaining relevant ideas 6. State and maintain a focus/controlling idea on a topic 7. Use lead/hook sentences to engage the reader 	
7th Grade Language Arts Essential Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the command of grammar contribute to effective communication? Why do writers consider purpose and audience?, Why is it important to develop effective communication skills?, How do reading, writing, listening, and speaking effectively, enhance our daily lives? 			
<u>Instructional Practices</u> ✓ Writing Across the Curriculum ✓ Differentiated Instruction/Cooperative Learning/Writing Workshop ✓ Big 6 Research/6+ Writing Traits/Key 3 Reading/Essential Questions		<u>Assessment Strategies</u> ✓ Student Writing Portfolio ✓ NWEA,NECAP,Common assessments ✓ Poetry, Narratives, Essays, Thesis, Research ✓ Speeches/Presentations	
Sanborn Regional Middle School Mission and Expectations 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. We believe this goal is best served when a holistic approach is used.			
<u>Students</u> Recognize student ability Nurture student ability Help students recognize their strengths and needs Help students recognize their success Help students behave with dignity	<u>Classroom Lessons and Activities</u> Ask students to reflect on their learning Create experiences that reinforce skills Offer opportunities for students to be challenged	<u>Classroom Climate</u> Create a safe classroom climate Develop clear and coherent expectations 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: https://www.edline.net/index.page All student grades are updated every two weeks.			