



# Biloxi Junior High School

## 7th grade English Language Arts



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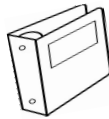
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*E-mail is the easiest way to get in touch with the teacher!*

### Required ELA Supplies:

- 1 binder (dedicated for ELA materials)
- 5 tab dividers (all for ELA binder)
- 5 highlighters (yellow, pink, green, blue, orange)
- earbuds or headphones (to keep in backpack)
- college-ruled notebook paper
- pencils (wooden or mechanical w/extra lead)
- pens (blue or black ink)



### Divider Labels

- Bell Work (B)
- Fiction (F)
- Nonfiction (NF)
- Writing (W)
- Extra (E)

### Donations Appreciated:

- kleenex
- paper towels
- hand sanitizer
- highlighters
- colored pencils

## Expectations & Goals

In this course, we will be reading a variety of texts and analyzing them. We will be exploring various concepts to become better readers and writers. You will be held to high expectations both academically and behaviorally; strive toward reaching your goals. Incomplete work, poor attitudes, and other non-productive behaviors will not put you on a path for success. If you are struggling at any point, please see your ELA teacher, so you can work together to come up with the best plan for your success.

*Be prompt.*

*Be prepared.*

*Be productive.*

*Be polite.*

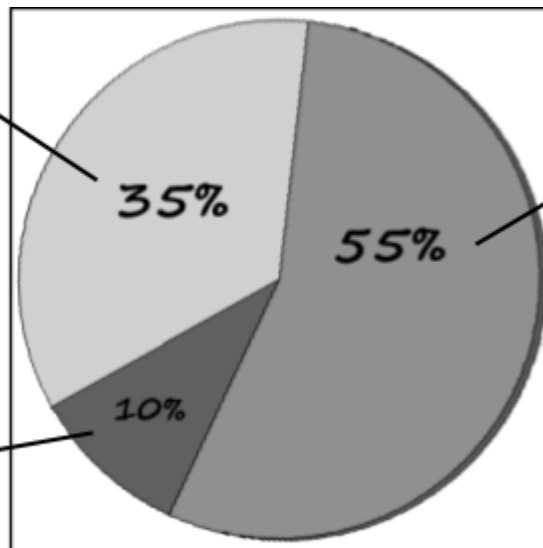
## Grading Policies

### FORMATIVES

This includes classwork, homework, warm-ups, exit tickets, discussions, independent reading assignments, and more.

### COMMON TERM ASSESSMENTS

Common term assessments (CTAs/exams) account for 10% of the term average.



### SUMMATIVES

This includes quizzes, tests, essays, projects, presentations, and more.

Three cumulative (covering all previously taught standards) tests will be administered per term.

**ALL** tests will be timed. Students will also be expected to complete one timed writing assessment each term.

# Additional Policies

## Reteach & Retest

Students will be provided the opportunity to attend reteach and retest sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:15-4:00 pm. Late buses will be provided after the Tuesday/Thursday sessions. Students may also be picked up by a parent or guardian at 4:00 p.m. (A signed after-school permission form is required for ALL modes of pickup/transportation.)

If students need to stay on these days, students must have an after school form signed and returned to the school **one day prior** to the scheduled after school session. An after school form is available in all ELA classrooms; they are also available on the school website.

According to the student handbook, students will only be allowed to **retest 1 time per a nine weeks**, and they must retest **within 10 school days** of receiving his/her test grade. An ELA schedule for reteach/retest days will be attached to the Weekly Assignment Sheet which is emailed to parents/guardians every week. \*Further information on the retest policy is provided in the student handbook under "Retesting."

## Course Requirements

Students are expected to attend class daily and to come prepared to work with all needed supplies. Most work will be completed at school; hence, it is very important that students stay organized with their ELA assignments and due dates. Students are expected to write homework, assignments, projects, and test dates in their planners. Also, a copy of the Weekly Assignment Sheet will be emailed to parents/guardians weekly.

If a student is absent from school and misses an assignment, test, etc., the teacher will place a score of "1" in the gradebook to indicate to the student/parents that the work must be completed. Once completed, the work will be graded and entered into the gradebook. Per school policy, students will be allowed 10 school days to complete all make-up work.

A score of a "0" in the gradebook indicates that the student was present for that assignment, test, etc.; however, the student never turned in the assignment to the teacher in class.

Please note that students are required to complete all daily class work, assignments, projects, assigned readings, tests, etc. Students must master all standards with 65% mastery to be promoted to 8th grade.

In the event of an absence, it is the **student's responsibility** to check the daily presentation for ELA to see what he/she missed. The daily presentations are uploaded to the ELA Google Classroom for student/parent access.

\*Further information on absences/make-up work is provided in the student handbook under "Attendance."

## Course Standards Pacing

Students will be following the 7th grade ELA Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards. Below is a pacing of when these standards will be assessed throughout the year.

**Term 1:** RL 7.1-7.4; RI 7.1-7.4; L 7.4-7.5; W 7.3

**Term 2:** RL 7.5-7.6; RI 7.5-7.8; L 7.6; W 7.2

**Term 3:** RL 7.9; RI 7.9; W 7.1

**Term 4:** Review of all standards

## Course Novels

**Term 1:** Short Story Unit

**Term 2:** *A Long Walk to Water*

**Term 3:** *The Giver*

**Term 4:** *The Outsiders*



More information can be found about these novels in our 7th ELA Novel Study Letter which is also being sent home with students.

## Technology

Students' **personal devices** should be powered off and stored out of sight at all times (except for lunch). The only time a student should have his or her phone out in class is if the teacher has specifically directed him or her to get it out. Students will be given access to school chromebooks for classroom-related assignments and activities. A student's use of the district system, including the internet, must be in support of education and research, and it must be consistent with the educational objectives of the district. We will be utilizing various devices to access the internet to research, review material, and submit assignments. Students must hold themselves to high expectations when using these resources.

