

**Department:** English  
**Course Name:** English 6

**Course Description:**

The goal of this course is to develop life-long communicators of the English language through the expansion of grammar, usage, mechanics, and writing skills. The class reinforces the skills needed to write successfully across the curriculum and to use writing as a tool for learning, while exposing students to related technology. Students utilize the writing process through mini-workshop lessons that focus on the six traits of writing. Students practice these skills through writing descriptive, persuasive, narrative, and expository pieces throughout the year.

**Content:**

Grammar  
Composition (Narrative, Descriptive, Expository, Essay, Paragraph, Research, Opinion)  
Poetry  
MLA Format  
Plagiarism

**Skills:**

Identify fragments and run-ons  
Identify types of sentences  
Identify subjects and predicates  
Identify and use compound and complex sentences  
Identify and use coordinating and subordinating conjunctions  
Recognize and distinguish nouns  
Recognize and distinguish verbs  
Recognize and use direct objects  
Recognize and use verb tenses  
Recognize and use subject-verb agreement  
Recognize and use contractions  
Identify and use adjectives  
Recognize and use articles and demonstratives  
Identify and use adverbs  
Recognize and use interjections  
Recognize and use commas  
Recognize and use abbreviations  
Recognize and use quotations  
Recognize and use titles  
Recognize and use pronouns  
Recognize and use prepositions and prepositional phrases  
Recognize and use gerunds and gerund phrases  
Recognize and use infinitives and infinitive phrases  
Diagram sentences  
Recognize and use capitalization  
Recognize and use punctuation  
Construct paragraphs  
Write informally  
Write formally

Proofread and edit  
Write using sensory details  
Write using figurative language  
Cite research sources  
Write thesis statement  
Use search engines  
Identify reliable sources  
Format and construct outline  
Write using transition words  
Paraphrase text  
Identify elements of story writing  
Respond to writing prompts  
Utilize elements of essay writing  
Utilize elements of narrative writing  
Develop oral presentation skills  
Read orally with fluency and expression  
Use presentation technology  
Articulate and communicate complex ideas

**Text and Materials:**

Grammar and Language Workbook (Glencoe/McGraw Hill, 2009)  
Gentry, McNeel, and Wallace-Nesler, Getting to the Core of Writing: Essential Lessons for Every Sixth Grade Student (Shell Education, 2012)  
Noden, Harry R. Introduction to Image Grammar Activity Book (Perfection Learning, 2009)

**Methods of Instruction:**

Lecture  
Class discussion  
Interactive Notebook  
Individual and group projects  
Modeling/examples  
Group work  
iPad (variety of apps such as Nearpod, Notability, Flipgrid, etc.)  
Educational videos  
Worksheets

**Methods of Evaluation:**

Tests  
Quizzes  
Class projects  
Homework  
Class work