

**Department:** English  
**Course Name:** English 7

**Course Description:**

The seventh grade English course combines and extends the objectives of Reading 6 and English 6. The class incorporates four curricular strands: reading, writing, grammar, and vocabulary. The reading strand provides a strong foundation for the future growth and engages students in analysis of literature and non-fiction text. The writing strand reinforces the skills needed to write creatively and critically. The grammar strand reaffirms the fundamentals of the parts of speech, sentence construction, punctuation, and paragraph structure, as students develop more sophisticated composition skills. The vocabulary strand expands students' written and oral vocabulary. The course also provides opportunities for oral presentations and creative projects.

**Content:**

Vocabulary  
Sentence Structure  
Sentence Variety  
Parts of Speech  
Punctuation  
Literary Devices  
Research Process  
Narrative Writing  
Expository Writing  
Reflective Writing  
Anti-plagiarism and MLA Citation  
Independent Reading  
Speaking and Listening Skills

**Skills:**

Read, comprehend, and analyze various texts  
Identify and analyze theme, character development, plot, setting, and conflict types  
Identify and analyze literary devices  
Use a variety of pre-writing strategies to develop well-organized compositions  
Apply fundamentals of grammar, punctuation, usage and mechanics  
Conduct research and write a research essay  
Cite strong textual evidence  
Respond to reflective and independent reading-based writing prompts  
Use expanding vocabulary in speech and writing  
Produce polished examples of digital publishing and projects  
Acquire the skills necessary to present a coherent oral presentation  
Develop organizational skills and the discipline of self-directed work

**Text and Materials:**

*White Bird* (Graphic Novel) by R.J. Palacio  
*Born a Crime* (Young Readers Edition) by Trevor Noah

Various Dystopian novels for Literature Circles  
Various short stories, excerpts and poems  
Various nonfiction articles  
Various iPad applications

**Methods of Instruction:**

Lecture  
Mini lessons  
Modeling  
Class discussion  
Research  
Technology  
Projects  
Group and partner activities

**Methods of Evaluation:**

Tests  
Quizzes  
Essays  
Projects  
Classwork  
Homework  
Class participation

