

English Language Arts 8 2019-2020

Course Basics			
Course Code:	Grade Level:	Credit Value:	NCAA Approved:
01036N	8	N/A	N/A
Prerequisites:	Course Length:	Course Time:	FWPS Standards (link)
Meet 7th grade standards	36 Academic Weeks (Yearlong Course)	56 minutes a day/4 hours 40 minutes a week	https://tinyurl.com/iAEnglish8Standards
Required Materials: Most reading texts are available within the course or on the web. Students will need to obtain two novels and one biography/autobiography from their home library, public library, bookstore or online bookstore. Students need Internet access, computer, printer, printer paper and ink, modern OS/software/web browser, headphones with microphone- <i>if not built into computer</i>			
Course Description: Welcome to English 8! What an exciting time in your life . . . just on the verge of taking a big life step into high school. In this class, you'll practice and perfect reading, writing, language, and speaking skills, and gain information and habits to make that new challenge a success. You'll choose pieces of fiction, poetry, and nonfiction to study, you'll write narrative, expository, persuasive pieces, you'll research topics of interest, and you'll make digital and speech presentations. With each phrase, your teacher will be there to provide feedback and encouragement toward your learning. Let's get started!			

Instructor Information	
Name: Wendy Nevin	Email: wnevin@fwps.org
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Expected Learning Outcomes	
In this course, students will	Students will engage with a wide variety of literature to learn and apply reading strategies while analyzing for lit elements. Texts range from poetry, narrative, short story, informational articles, to full length novels and biographies. Students will practice writing techniques and build from well organized paragraphs to complete essays and researched presentations.

Standards Alignment	See Course Learning Plan Contract (LPC)
Assessment Methods	Formative Assessments: Students will practice skills and receive teacher feedback prior to demonstrating their skills in summative assessments. Summative Assessments: After practice in formative assessments, students will show their skill in summative assessments, again receiving teacher feedback toward continued development of their literary understanding and strength.
Grading Methods	All summative assessments will be graded according to the corresponding rubric or teacher directions. Only summative assessment scores will calculate towards a student's final grade. Each summative assessment is linked to a FWPS Priority Standard (PS).
Grading Scale	Excelling - EX = 100%-90% Meeting - ME = 89%-70% Approaching - AP = 69%-60% Beginning - BE = 59%-0%

Student Expectations	
Weekly Work Completion	Students will submit original work in all classes each week.
Original Work Submissions	Students will only submit their original work. If students use outside sources in the creation of their original work, citations <i>must</i> be present in the format requested by their teacher.
Weekly Communication	Students will communicate weekly with their teachers regarding their academic progress.
Functioning Technology/ Required Materials	Students will always have constant and consistent access to functioning hardware, software, technology, and required materials necessary to complete their coursework in all classes.

iA Policies Required for Enrollment	
Academic Integrity	<p>Academic integrity is essential to learning. Students are expected to complete their own work. Copying, plagiarizing, cheating or other methods of intentional deception are prohibited and could result in the student's removal from the class or iA entirely.</p> <p><i>AI Policy-1st Offense: The student will be contacted by the teacher via phone call, the student will be made aware of the plagiarism and examples of how this can be avoided will be discussed and shared. Direct instruction on plagiarism will be delivered by the teacher. iA Administration and other teachers will be made aware of the plagiarism. 2nd Offense: The student and parents will be contacted by the teacher directly and the student will have to complete the plagiarized assignment without plagiarism before moving on in the course. iA Administration will be made aware. 3rd Offense- The student will be blocked from the course until the student and parents meet with the teacher and iA Administration</i></p>

	<p><i>to discuss iA Academic Integrity policy. <u>4th Offense</u>- The student will be withdrawn from the course or iA depending on the severity and/or frequency of the plagiarism.</i></p>
<p>WAC (Weekly Academic Contact)</p>	<p>Washington State law requires students to make Weekly Academic Contact (WAC). WAC is any type of contact or communication students have with teachers that is academic in nature. Students have a variety of ways to meet this requirement. They include: replying to iA Connect teacher’s contact request (email/quiz); submitting an assignment; emailing teachers about class in iA Campus or Synergy; attending a virtual session or teacher’s online office hours; sending the teacher a school related text message (if available); meeting a teacher or administrator on campus, in person. Students must contact iA Connect teachers each week with an attendance check-in. Additionally, class teachers expect weekly assessment submissions.</p> <p>Withdrawal for lack of Weekly Academic Contact (WAC) for 20 consecutive school days:</p> <p>After 10-15 days without WAC, iA Connect teacher checks with class teachers to see whether WAC has been made in at least one class. If WAC has been made, ‘clock’ resets. If no WAC has been made, iA Connect teacher will send student and family a warning email and will call home. If no WAC by 20 days, iA Connect teacher checks to see one last time with class teachers. If there’s been nothing, Admin will withdraw the student; the student may not re-enroll until the following school year.</p>
<p>MAP (Monthly Academic Progress)</p>	<p>State law also requires enrolled students to maintain monthly forward progress toward completing classes with success. Students are expected to complete one monthly module of at-standard work or have completed the teacher-prescribed plan as assigned by the certificated teacher of that course. If the assigned at-standard work is submitted, the student will be considered on pace (OP). If the assigned work is not submitted and/or is not at standard, the student will be considered behind pace (BP).</p> <p>An overall Monthly Academic Progress (MAP) score will be emailed to every student and family once a month by the iA Connect teacher to communicate overall progress towards mastery and passing of the courses; law requires BP students to reply with confirmation of the MAP report and iA teachers to document that reply. If students don’t immediately reply, teachers are obligated to keep trying for a reply through additional emails or phone calls. Replies must be from the student; parent replies are not sufficient.</p> <p>Students are either On Pace (OP) or Behind Pace (BP). If a student is considered OP (by the individual teachers in individual courses) in 50% or more of their courses, they will be considered OP overall. If a student is considered behind pace (by the individual teachers in individual courses) in more than 50% of their courses they will be considered BP overall. If a student is determined to be BP for consecutive months, the iA Connect teacher will send escalating intervention plans each month by email.</p>

	<p>BP1 means one month behind pace; intervention typically is new work pace plan.</p> <p>BP2 means two months behind pace; intervention is typically a new work pace plan and directed teacher contact.</p> <p>BP3 means three months behind pace; course reduction or withdrawal from iA.</p> <p>BP4 means complete withdrawal from iA. Students withdrawn from iA at BP4 may not re-enroll until the following school year.</p>
Email/Software Agreements	<p>Students agree to maintain constant and consistent access to the technology and software needed to complete their iA courses. If students cannot maintain constant and consistent access to needed technology, they will be withdrawn from iA.</p>
Professional Discretion	<p>Teachers reserve the right to make adjustments to the course, content, pacing, and expectations at any time. Students and parents will be notified via email of any changes made after the course has started.</p>