

## Advanced English/Language Arts (ELA)--Grade 6



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### **Course Content:**

- Reading and describing characteristics of various reading materials including:
  - \* fiction, such as novels and short stories
  - \* nonfiction, such as news articles, editorials, and advertisements
  - \* poetry
- Applying comprehension strategies such as summarizing, note taking, comparing, contrasting and classifying.
- Writing frequently in a variety of forms
- Developing language skills in vocabulary, sentence variety, grammar and mechanics
- Developing skills in speaking, listening, and media literacy

### **What Makes It "Advanced ELA"?**

- Students will participate in more independent research and decision-making
- An emphasis is placed on exploration, collaboration, and analysis to encourage students to broaden their knowledge base and improve performance in literacy skills
- Reading selections will be of a higher level of difficulty

### **Supplies:**

- Two pocket folder, spiral notebook, pencil, pen, hi-lighter, planner/work log (supplied), independent reading book

### **Homework:** *(expect an average of 4 hours of time each week)*

- 30 minutes of independent reading at home each evening
- Completion of any unfinished class work
- Assigned readings and/or research

### **Late Work:**

- Students are expected to complete ALL of their work on time.

### **Grading:**

- The grade breakdown for all AMSA 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ADV ELA classes is as follows:

#### **First and Third Trimesters:**

70% Class Assessments

20% Classroom Practice/Homework/Independent Reading

10% End of Trimester District Common Assessments

#### **Second Trimester:**

60% Class Assessments

20% Classroom Practice/Homework/Independent Reading

20% End of Trimester District Common Assessment

### **Communication:**

- Grades will be viewable on A-H Connect.
- The best way to contact me is through email, but I will check my voice mail each day and respond within one school day.
- Conferences are conducted on a drop-in basis on the following evenings:
  - Trimester 1: October 22nd and 24th
  - Trimester 2: January 23rd and 28th

I look forward to a wonderful year with your child. If you ever have any questions or concerns, always feel free to contact me. I want to help make the sixth grade experience a great one!

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