

Seventh Grade Curriculum

Reading

Students use their knowledge of word origins and word relationships, as well as historical and literary context clues, to determine the meaning of specialized vocabulary and to understand the precise meaning of grade-level-appropriate words.

- Identify idioms, analogies, metaphors, and similes in prose and poetry.
- Use knowledge of Greek, Latin, and Anglo-Saxon roots and affixes to understand content-area vocabulary.
- Clarify word meanings through the use of definition, example, restatement, or contrast.

Reading Comprehension

Students read and understand grade-level-appropriate material. They describe and connect the essential ideas, arguments, and perspectives of the text by using their knowledge of text structure, organization, and purpose.

- Analyze text that is organized in sequential or chronological order.
- Discern main ideas and concepts presented in texts, identifying and assessing evidence that supports those ideas.
- Draw inferences, conclusions, or generalizations about text and support them with textual evidence and prior knowledge.
- Distinguish facts, supported inferences, and opinions in text.

Writing

Students write clear, coherent, and focused essays. The writing exhibits the students' awareness of the audience and purpose. Essays contain formal introductions, supporting evidence, and conclusions. Student's progress through the stages of the writing process as needed. Edit and revise manuscripts to improve the meaning and focus of writing by adding, deleting, consolidating, clarifying, and rearranging words and sentences.

Writing Applications

Students write narrative, expository, persuasive, and descriptive texts of at least 500 to 700 words in each genre. Student writing demonstrates a command of standard American English and the research, organizational, and drafting strategies outlined by teacher.

Sentence Structure and Grammar

Identify and correctly use prepositional phrases, appositives, and independent and dependent

clauses; use transitions and conjunctions to connect ideas. Identify and correctly use verbs that are often misused (e.g., lie/ lay, sit/ set, rise/ raise), modifiers, and pronouns.

Punctuation

Use a colon to separate hours and minutes and to introduce a list; use quotation marks around the exact words of a speaker and titles of poems, songs, short stories, and so forth.

Capitalization

Use correct capitalization.

Spelling

Spell roots, suffixes, prefixes, contractions, and syllable constructions correctly.

7th Grade Mathematics

7th graders will learn either Pre-Algebra or Algebra 1, depending on their placement test scores. Please see those curriculum pages for more information.