**ELA Grade 7**

**Course Description:** Reading, writing, speaking, thinking, and listening are skills needed to succeed in school and life. Proficiency in all of these areas provides the foundation for all other academic studies as well as for the development and enrichment of language. Mastering the skills involved in communication is crucial for all students because they are used in nearly every human interaction.

**Text(s):** *“My Perspectives English Language Arts”* (Savvas)

**Methods of Instruction:**

(whole class discussion, oral reading / independent reading, cooperative learning, audio and video presentation)

**Course Objectives:**

Scholars will be able to use communication skills to navigate through life productively by reading, listening, and writing as expected and comprehending various formats of information.

**Assignments:**

Scholars are expected to submit deliverables when they are due. Daily assignments may include individual or group-related work and “do now” and “exit ticket” tasks.

**Late Assignments Policy:** Assignments turned in after the due date will be deducted by 10% for each day it is late.

**Exams/Tests/ Quizzes:** All district-mandated tests are non-negotiable. Period quizzes and unit tests will be administered to monitor ongoing progress.

**Grading Criteria:** Weight distribution is as follows (classwork 50% **/** participation 15% **/** Homework 10% **/** Assessments 25%)

**Course Requirements: (**charged iPad**,** pencils and black pens**,** notebook paper)

**Attendance Policy:**

Students who have excused absences may turn in missed assignments without penalty. Participation activities cannot be made up.

**Homework Policy:** The standing homework assignment is 20 minutes of independent reading daily, recorded on the Homework Reading Log, and initialed by parents. The summary is to be written over the weekend and the parents are to sign the bottom of the sheet indicating that they are a witness to the assignment and its completion.

**Written Assignments and Academic Misconduct:**

All written work submitted must be the student’s original work and conform to the guidelines provided by the teacher. This means that any substantive ideas, phrases, sentences, and/or published ideas must be properly referenced to avoid even the appearance of plagiarism. It is the student’s responsibility to know all relevant school policies concerning *plagiarism*. Any documented cases of plagiarism can and will result in a failing grade.