



Pre-AP Language Arts 5th Grade

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Conf. Time: 9:45 – 10:55

Course and Curriculum Information:

English Language Arts/Reading courses in grades 5-12 will focus on continuing the development of skills taught in the elementary grades. These include the following five strands: Reading, Writing, Oral and Written Conventions, Research, and Listening and Speaking. Please visit www.mansfieldisd.org and click on Departments, Curriculum, and Language Arts for a full scope and sequence.

Materials:

Students will use a variety of texts and resources including, but not limited to, a 5th grade ELA Handbook, Interactive Notebook, and novels selected from the district approved reading list.

Class work and Homework:

Students will have opportunities to complete work in class, but will also have assigned homework from time to time. Class participation and involvement is encouraged to facilitate a positive learning environment for each student.

Reports and Projects

Teachers will also require various reports and projects throughout the year. Deadlines and requirements for these assignments will be sent home to parents in advance of due dates.

iStation

iStation is a reading comprehension and fluency building program used by Mansfield ISD at the intermediate level. Students are given a reading level assessment and then required to complete activities based on their skill level to increase comprehension and fluency. This program may also be accessed from home.

Assessment Calendar

Students will take tests in class throughout the year to show mastery of material presented. These assessments will be given at the teacher's discretion with advance notice to students in most cases. Students will also take the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) for Reading on April 11, 2018.

CBA Schedule

Instructional Period	Testing Window
August 16-September 29	September 27-29
October 2 – November 10	November 1 - 3
November 13 – January 12	December 18 - 20
January 16 – February 23	February 14 - 16
February 26 – April 13	Reading Benchmark - TBD
April 16 – May 23	No CBA

Grading Policies

These policies are addressed in the student handbook. Please review them and contact your child's campus or teacher for clarification as needed.

Weighting of Grades

There will be a minimum of 10 grades each grading period. Grades in Language Arts are weighted according to the following scale:

Daily Work/Quizzes:	50% (minimum of 2 grades)
Major Grades/Tests/Projects:	40% (minimum of 2 grades)
Homework:	10% (minimum of 2 grades)

Curriculum Based Assessments

District Curriculum-Based Assessments (CBAs) are calculated as part of the Major Grades/Tests/Projects category.

Homework

Language Arts homework is assigned weekly. The homework is designed to strength vocabulary and comprehension skills. Intermediate schools will provide for homework-free extended holidays.

Semester Grades

Semester grades are computed by averaging the numerical grades recorded for each of the three

Posting Student Work

Student grades will be posted in Skyward parent portal within five business days for daily grades and major grades. Special consideration is given to major projects, including lengthy writing assignments.

Late Work Policy

For work submitted after the due date given in class, the following policy will apply:

- 1 class day late: grade may be reduced up to a maximum of 15 points
- 2 class days late: grade may be reduced up to a maximum of 30 points
- 3 class days late: grade may be reduced up to 50 points (or teacher discretion)
- Late work will **not** be accepted after 3 class days.

Test Retake Policy

Students who fail a major test/assessment (below 70%) will be allowed to retake or correct up to a 70% grade. Students will have to make arrangements with the teacher to retake or correct a major test/assessment. Students have one week after tests/assessments are returned to do retakes or corrections.

Class Participation

Active participation is expected during all class activities and assignments. Participation grades will be taken at the teacher's discretion.

Absences, Tardiness, & Missed Work

Students are encouraged to be responsible for collecting work from each teacher after an absence. Extra copies will be made available, if needed. Students have one extra day for each day they were absent to complete a missed assignment. Arrangements for taking a missed test or quiz must be made with the teacher.

Academic Dishonesty

These policies are addressed in the student handbook. Please review them and contact your child's campus or teacher for clarification as needed.

Resources

Parents

Parents are encouraged to set up an account on Skyward, the district's grade reporting site. Grades are updated weekly by teachers. This portal enables parents to monitor their own students' grades during the school year. You may obtain your login/password from the school registrar or secretary. Then go to www.mansfieldisd.org and click on the Skyward icon. Follow directions for setting up a parent account.

Students

Elective classes, library resources, and monitored Internet research will be available to students. Before or after school help may be available by advance appointment. Check with the teacher about these options.