

Deer Valley Unified School District No. 97



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7th Grade English Language Arts Deer Valley Middle School Syllabus 2019-2020

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Course Description:

7th grade ELA is a rigorous course that encompasses reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in preparation for high school. Students will be expected to reflect and respond to various texts and literature. They will be challenged to think critically and encouraged to share their thoughts and opinions in various ways. This course is aligned with the Arizona College and Career Readiness standards.

Course Objectives:

During this course, students will learn to develop careful reading skills that will enhance their ability to analyze and decipher literature and other texts. They will expand their understanding of grammar and the writing process. They will increase their vocabulary and enhance their speaking and listening skills.

Materials/Supplies:

Text Book: *Collections* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

Novels: *Nothing but the Truth* by AVI; *Peak* by Roland Smith; *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros

Online Resources: Khan Academy website: <https://www.khanacademy.org/> ; Writing Guidance: http://www.word-mart.com/html/writing_tips.html

Requested Supplies:

- Pencils, erasers, pens, highlighters

Arizona law requires that public schools provide supplies required for academic success. This list represents optional, supplementary items which you may supply at your discretion. If you have questions, feel free to contact the school

PowerSchools:

The PowerSchools site allows parents/guardians and students to access their student's grades, attendance, and other information. Progress reports are available on PowerSchools; please check weekly! Parents/Guardians who

do not have a login code for their child can get one from the front office. Photo identification will be required to receive your password.

Web address — <http://ps.dvusd.org/public/>

Grading Policy:

Deer Valley Middle School aligns to the Arizona College & Career Readiness Standards (AZ-CCRS). In order to provide the best education for your child this year, we have selected a grading policy that can be viewed at: dvusd.org/dv-grading

Student Expectations:

PowerSchools must be checked weekly.

Students will be expected to put forth their best effort and work to the best of their ability. Assignments are meaningful and meant to help practice and expand their skills.

Make-Up Policy:

If a student falls below 70% on a weekly assignment, they must do the following:

Step 1: Check their scores on PowerSchools weekly to check for grades below 70%

Step 2: Discuss opportunities to re-learn the material and re-take the assignment

Step 3: Complete intervention

Step 4: Retake assessment

Communication:

Please contact the teacher via email as this is the quickest, most efficient way to receive a prompt response.

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CARING	Polite and respectful to others.
ORGANIZED	Prepared and on time to class, ready to learn with all materials.
LEARNERS	Productive students focused on learning.
TEAM PLAYER	Participate in class activities with a positive attitude.
SAFE	Maintain a safe learning environment — drug free, alcohol free & free from fights.

Parent Consent & Confirmation: I have received and reviewed the syllabus for Ms. Simmons' 7th Grade ELA class.

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cellphone: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent: Please star or highlight your preferred method of communication, and write anything else you would like me to know below. Thank you!

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