

## ***English Language Arts***

### Grade 7- Research

In this course, students will recognize the importance of working with a credible source and determine the responsibilities of a digital citizen. Students will effectively utilize Google tools and research techniques. Students will learn how to be a credible source and understand the importance of their digital footprint. At the end of the course, students will produce a research product.

### Grade 8- Creative Writing

Students will strengthen their writing and explore different styles through daily writing activities. In this course, students will create narratives, poetry, and mythological stories. Students will differentiate between popular works of fiction and nonfiction. Students will engage with narrative texts by using personal experiences and connections. Additionally, students will analyze, discuss and practice writing various types of poetry. Finally, students will become familiar with digital tools to discover and explore myths from around the world.

### Grade 8- Graphic Novels

This course will examine the history of graphic novels and how they have evolved. Students will be expected to read and analyze graphic novels as well as comics to explore their themes. Students will understand the importance of telling a story through dialogue and visual images. By the end of the course, students will demonstrate understanding of characterization, theme, plot, and sequence and order.

### Grade 8- Journalism

This course will examine what it means to be a journalist. Students will review the history of the newspaper and its current role in our 21st century including copyright and ethical dilemmas. Students will actively participate in the school paper by becoming journalists and photojournalists.