**BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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| **Developmental English 7/8 CURRICULUM**  **Course Title: Developmental English 7/8** |
|  **Grade Level(s):**  | **7/8**  |
|  **Periods per week:**  | **five**  |
|  **Length of period:**  | **forty-five minutes**  |
|  **Length of course:**  | **one year**  |
|  **Faculty Author(s):**  | **Tracy Yowler and Sarah Shuleski**  |
|  **Date: March 2017**  |

**COURSE DESCRIPTION: Two major strands of ELA will be emphasized: writing, grammar, and poetry. They will study and practice using the rules of grammar and mechanics in an effort to improve the conventions of their writing. Students will learn to write narrative, informational, poetry and persuasive pieces in response to readings and to writing prompts.**

*The following resources will be used to deliver the curriculum:*

*Language Network, McDougal Littell, 2001*

*Elements of Literature, Holt*

*Greek and Latin Root Words, Interactive Notebook, Melissa Tallman*

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| Key Ideas and Details | PA Core Standards | Grammar Skills | Lesson Reflection |
| 1st Quarter-NarrativeStyle UnitWriting Process | CC.1.4.7/8.M Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events. | 1st QuarterSingular and Plural Nouns -All plural forms-Add –s, -es, -ies and irregular nouns |  |
| Focus | CC.1.4.7/8.N Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters. | Singular Possessive Nouns -Start with singular form, add apostrophe “s”Plural Possessive Nouns -Start with plural, if the plural ends in “s” just add apostrophe-For plurals that don’t end with ”s”, add apostrophe “s” |  |
| Content | CC.1.4.7/8.O Use narrative techniques such as dialogue, description, and pacing to develop experiences, events, and/or characters; use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.  | Linking Verbs -Linking Verbs: am, is, are, was, were, be being, been, look, feel, taste, smell, sound, become, appear, remain, stay, seem and growSubject/PredicateComplete/Incomplete Sentences |  |
| Organization | CC.1.4.7/8.P Organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically, using a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another; provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences and events |  |  |
| Style | CC.1.4.7/8.Q Write with an awareness of the stylistic aspects of writing. • Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. • Use sentences of varying lengths and complexities. • Use precise language. • Develop and maintain a consistent voice. |  |  |
| Conventions of Language | CC.1.4.7/8.R Demonstrate a grade appropriate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. |  |  |

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| 2nd Quarter: Opinion/Argumentative  | CC.1.4.7/8.GWrite arguments to support claims. | 2nd QuarterAdjectives -An adjective describes a noun or pronoun. |  |
| Focus | C.C.1.4.7/8.HIntroduce and state an opinion on a topic. | Proper Adjective -Use proper adjectives appropriately (capitalization and possibly spelling) |  |
| Content |  CC.1.4.7/8.I Acknowledge alternate or opposing claims and support claim with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic | Adverbs -An adverb modifies a verbComparing with Adverbs -Use comparting adverbs with –er, -est,, or more/most and irregular (real, really, good, well) |  |
| Organization | CC.1.4.7/8.J Organize the claim(s) with clear reasons and evidence clearly; clarify relationships among claim(s) and reasons by using words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion; provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented | Adjective or Adverb -Use irregular adverbs (real, really, good, well, bad, badly)Negatives -Avoid double negatives |  |
| Style | CC.1.4.7/8.K Write with an awareness of the stylistic aspects of composition. • Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic. • Use sentences of varying lengths and complexities. • Develop and maintain a consistent voice. • Establish and maintain a formal style. |  |  |
| Conventions of Language | CC.1.4.7/8.L Demonstrate a grade appropriate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. |  |  |

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| 3rd QuarterPoetry | C.C.1.4.7/8.AWrite informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts and information clearly. | 3rd QuarterCapitalizationPunctuation -ending punctuation-commas-Contractions-quotations |  |
| Theme | CC.1.3.7/8.A Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text |  |  |
| Text Analysis | CC.1.3.7/8.B Cite the textual evidence thamost strongly supports an analysis of what the text says ext plicitly, as well as inferences, conclusions, and/or generalizations drawn from the text.  |  |  |
| Vocabulary | CC.1.3.7/8.F Analyze the influence of the words and phrases in a text including figurative and connotative meanings and how they shape meaning and tone. |  |  |

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| 4th QuarterInformative/Explanatory  | C.C.1.4.7/8.AWrite informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts and information clearly. |  4th Quarter Combining Sentences: Compound Subjects and Predicates -Use conjunctions/connecting words: and, or, but  |  |
| Focus | C.C.1.4.7/8.BIdentify and introduce the topic clearly, including a preview of what is to follow. | Combining sentences: Compound Sentences -Use conjunctions/connecting words: and, or, but, because, when, although, and since |  |
| Content | C.C.1.4.7/8.CDevelop and analyze the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; includes graphics and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.  | Prepositions -Identify and use prepositions, objects of prepositions and prepositional phrasesUse prepositions in writing |  |
| Organization | CC.1.4.7/8.D Organize ideas, concepts, and information using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts; provide a concluding statement or section; include formatting when useful to aiding comprehension. |  |  |
| Style | CC.1.4.7/8.E Write with an awareness of the stylistic aspects of composition. • Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic. • Use sentences of varying lengths and complexities. • Develop and maintain a consistent voice. • Establish and maintain a formal style. |  |  |
| Conventions of Language | CC.1.4.7/8F Demonstrate a grade appropriate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. |  |  |

Throughout the school year, the following will occur:

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| Collaborative Discussion | CC.1.5.7/8.A Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions, on grade-level topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly |
| Critical Listening | CC.1.5.7/8.B Delineate a speaker’s argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence. |
| Evaluating Information | CC.1.5.7/8.C Analyze the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how the ideas clarify a topic, text, or issue under study |
| Audience, Task and Purpose  | CC.1.5.7/8.D Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. |
| Multimedia | CC.1.5.7/8.F Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings and emphasize salient points. |