

# CFISD English Language Arts and Reading Grade 8 Scope & Sequence 2018-19

## Course Description:

The goal of the middle school language arts curriculum is to develop, strengthen, and broaden a student’s understanding and use of language in its many forms – reading, writing, viewing, speaking, and listening. These forms of language are not considered separately, but are fused to produce an integrated program. The curriculum and the instructional strategies are designed to assist students in becoming increasingly more effective and appreciative receivers and users of language.

Students are provided direct instruction, modeling, practice, and application of the purposes and forms of writing for a variety of audiences. As students read and respond to various genres such as short stories, novels, poetry, drama, and also nonfiction selections, they grow in their appreciation and understanding of literature and of themselves.

## Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills:

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter110/ch110b.html#110.20>

Instructional Units	Days*	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Unit1: Establishing the Classroom Community	14 - 15	9/14/18
Unit 2: Unity and Focus	25	10/19/18
Unit 3: Evidence and Support	35-40	12/21/18
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Unit 4: Analysis of Literary Elements	40-45	3/08/19
Unit 5: Making Connections	15	4/08/19
STAAR ZONE	4	4/12/19
Unit 6: Organization and Structure	25 - 30	5/30/19

\*The length of each unit is a specific number of days, but it is understood that there is a range of +/- a day. The purpose of the flexibility is meant to allow teachers the opportunity to plan for the needs of their students and to accommodate re-teaching or review when necessary. If pre-assessment indicates student mastery could be obtained in a fewer number of days, the additional time could be used for extension or carried into the next unit.

## Instructional Materials:

*Prentice Hall Literature: The American Experience*  
Pearson Education, Inc.  
2011

*Prentice Hall: Writing Coach*  
Pearson Education, Inc.  
2012