

EIGHTH GRADE CURRICULUM

	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY/JUN
Reading	Animal Farm (characterization, protagonist, antagonist)	The Good Earth (plot, theme, setting)	The Twelfth Night (farce and satire, tragedy and comedy)	Speeches: "Ask Not What Your Country Can Do" "The Marginal World", etc.	Selections from "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings"	The Bet Doctor Heidegger's Experiment The Open Boat	An Honest Thief God Sees the Truth but Waits	<i>How Do I Love Thee?</i> <i>Polonius's Speech</i> , <i>I Dwell In Possibility</i> , <i>Chicago</i>	<i>Ozymandias</i> , <i>Sonnet 18</i> , <i>The Lake Isle of Innisfree</i> , <i>Lucy Gray</i> , and other poems
Lang.	Semi-colons and commas w phrases and clauses, Misplaced modifiers	Quotation marks, Italics, Dashes, Colons, Hyphens, Parenthesis, Apostrophes	"Ideas" Defining a central proposition in one's expository writing	"Organization" Gathering relevant data and using an outline	"Word Choice" Paraphrasing and using persuasion	"Fluency" Summarizing	"Voice" Quoting accurately when note taking	"Conventions" acknowledging sources & avoiding plagiarism	Giving a speech that is well-organized and well-supported
Math	Curriculum To	Be Determined		Curriculum To	Be Determined		Curriculum To	Be Determined	
Science	Motion and forces	Motion and forces	Density and buoyancy	Work, energy and power	Electricity and magnetism	Electromagnetic radiation and light	Sound Waves	Chemistry of Food, Respiration	Science biographies
Social Studies	Decline of European Colonialism	The Cold War	The Civil Rights Movement	The Vietnam War & rise of social activism	The Middle East and oil politics	End of the Cold War, Break up of the USSR, Detente	Communist China, Apartheid, Modern Europe	Principles and structure of American democracy, The U.S. Constitution	Geography of Canada and Mexico