

Dear Families,

Welcome to your sophomore high school English Language Arts (ELA) class! We are excited about our plans this year, and we look forward to working with you. This year we hope to support our students development as critical readers and writers through writer s workshop and multiple opportunities for them to engage with a variety of texts. By the end of this school year, our students will be prepared to continue high school with the skills they need in order to be successful in and out of the classroom.

Our English II TEKS emphasize reading, writing, listening, speaking, and thinking all the time! Students will have access to a textbook, both in class and digitally. Twice a year, students will engage in a book club with their peers. They will be reading and writing every day. Furthermore, students will have a reading and writing assessment that will be given after each reading and writing unit. The writing assessment will focus on skills specific to college entrance exams such as the ACT, SAT, and TSI. Students will also begin working on test preparation strategies to get them ready for whatever college, military, or certification exam comes their way.

We encourage you to speak with your students about what they are reading, writing, and learning in class. Be sure to continually review their performance via Skyward Access.

Here is an overview of the school year:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and analyzing narrative texts, memoirs, poetry • Writing personal narrative essays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and analyzing a novel • Writing literary analysis essays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and analyzing book club texts • Creative Writing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and analyzing drama and argumentative texts • Writing STAAR Extended Constructed Responses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and analyzing a variety of informational, argumentative, and literary texts • Writing STAAR Extended Constructed Responses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and analyzing book club texts • Writing research essays

We look forward to working with you this year!

Respectfully,

EMS ISD English II Teachers

