



Department of Teaching & Learning
Parent/Student Course Information

Advanced English Grade 6
(LA1116)

Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school's guidance department.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

At the sixth-grade level, the student will demonstrate the ability to work with diverse teams working respectfully with others, participating both as a facilitator and contributor. There is a continued emphasis on text reading and fluency as the student begins to read and comprehend more complex literary and informational texts. In sixth grade, the student will take a deeper look at plot development and be able to explain how an author's style impacts the reader's interpretation of a text. There is an increased emphasis on informational reading by creating objective summaries and drawing inferences using textual evidence. These critical-thinking skills are foundational to technical reading and writing and are transferable across content areas. At the sixth-grade level, the student will continue to develop as both reader and writer. The student will also plan, draft, revise, and edit writing in a variety of forms to include multi-paragraph compositions with an emphasis on the development of elaboration and unity. Additionally, the student will be introduced to writing thesis statements. The student will be expected to have greater control over the conventions of writing. In addition, the student will evaluate the validity and authenticity of texts, and will research, organize, evaluate, and communicate information. The student will also learn to cite both primary and secondary sources and follow ethical and legal guidelines for gathering and using information. These skills are necessary for success in future postsecondary education and workplace environments.

Advanced extension options are provided throughout the school year within each unit. Deeper thinking is encouraged through these extensions which encourage students to examine higher level texts and make deeper connections. Some extension options may include the following: adding research components, presenting or defending thoughts, revising writing to improve sentences/structure and to deepen author's voice, utilizing quoted material to support claims, developing literary critique and creating unique media messages.

At this grade level, students take a Reading Test for the English Standards of Learning.

PREREQUISITE

English 5

OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE

Enrollment for the next English course should be based on student performance, teacher recommendation, and parent input. The courses available are Core English, Grade 7 and Advanced English, Grade 7.

REQUIRED STUDENT TEXTBOOK

Actively Learn, electronic resource

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

The teacher may choose supplementary materials to extend and enrich the student’s knowledge of course standards. These materials may be drawn from: supplementary novels, visual media, primary source documents, simulations, computer programs and other online educational resources.

6TH GRADE VIRGINIA STANDARDS OF LEARNING ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Visit the Virginia Department of Education website to access the English 6 Standards of Learning <https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching-learning-assessment/k-12-standards-instruction/english-reading-literacy/standards-of-learning/2024-english-standards-of-learning>

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