Wallenpaupack Area School District Planned Course Curriculum Guide

English/Language Arts

Grade 7 English

Course Description:

The 7th grade English curriculum continues the development in the skills of writing, speaking, and listening. This course focuses on basic writing skills with an emphasis on effective sentence structure, paragraph construction, and multi-paragraph essay development. This course includes ongoing instruction on correct grammar and conventions.

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Wallenpaupack Area School District Curriculum		
COURSE: English	GRADE: 7	
UNIT: Narrative Writing	TIME FRAME: 22 ½ days approximately	
	(grammar-ongoing throughout year)	

PA CORE STANDARDS:

CC.1.4.7.M: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events.

CC.1.4.7.N: Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters.

CC.1.4.7.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.

CC.1.4.7.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 timeframe or setting to another; provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences and events.

CC.1.4.7.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.

CC.1.4.7.R: Demonstrate a grade appropriate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

CC.1.4.7.T: With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

CC.1.4.7.X: Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

CC.1.5.7.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.

CC.1.5.7.E: Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks.

CC.1.5.7.G: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English when speaking based on Grade 7 level and content.

UNIT OBJECTIVES:

- Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English including grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing or speaking.
- Apply the concepts of the writing process from prewriting to publishing
- Develop paragraphs demonstrating unity and coherence
- Analyze and critique their own and other students' writing
- Write an original narrative essay to develop real or imagined experiences or events

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES:

- The writing process
 - Topic Sentence/Thesis Statement Supporting sentences
 - Concluding sentences
 - Organizing ideas
 - Transitions
 - Task, purpose, audience
- Develop narrative
- Classroom activities

Ongoing

- Everyday edits
- Standard conventions of English language
- Parts of speech
- Phrases and clauses
- Varied sentence structure
- Misplaced and dangling modifiers
- Fragments and run-ons
- Verbals (participles, gerunds, infinitives)

ANCHOR VOCABULARY:

- Audience
- Anecdote
- Body
- Character
- Characterization
- Elaborate/elaboration
- Evidence
- Firsthand Account
- Formal Writing Style
- Narrative writing
- Narrator
- Narrative Technique
- Point of view
- Sensory language
- Sequence
- Stylistic Technique
- Transitions
- Topic
- Word choice
- Writer's Purpose

ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative):

- CDTS (Diagnostic)
- PSSAs (Summative)
- Rough drafts (Formative)

- Peer editing (Formative)
- Grammar Review (Formative)
- Grammar tests and quizzes (Summative)
- Narrative assignments (Summative)

EVIDENCE OF MASTERY:

- CDT at grade level or higher
- Advanced or Proficient on PSSA
- Objective score of 67% or better
- Summative assessment: narrative essay—13.5-20 on scale of 0-20

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Remediation/Extension) (Process, Product or Content)

Struggling

- Accommodations based on student's IEP/504
- Grammar worksheets/activities
- Graphic organizers
- Chunking information

Advanced

- Write a narrative from a different point of view
- Create a multi-media presentation of a narrative

- Language Network
- World of Language
- English Grammar & Composition
- Teacher-generated materials
- Student-generated materials
- *Tall Tale* (movie)
- Quizlet
- Study Island
- Education World
- Other sources as needed

Wallenpaupack Area School District Curriculum			
COURSE: English	GRADE: 7		
UNIT: Informative/Explanatory Writing	TIME FRAME: 22 ½ days approximately		
-	(grammar-ongoing throughout year)		
PA CORE STANDARDS:			
CC.1.4.7.A: Write informative/explanatory texts to e	xamine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and		
information clearly.			
CC.1.4.7.B: Identify and introduce the topic clearly, including a preview of what is to follow.			
	CC.1.4.7.C: Develop and analyze the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations,		
or other information and examples; include graphics and multimedia when useful to aiding			
comprehension.			
CC.1.4.7.D : Organize ideas, concepts, and information using strategies such as definition, classification,			
comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; use appropr			
relationships among ideas and concepts; provide a c	oncluding statement or section; include formatting		
when useful to aiding comprehension.			
 CC.1.4.7.E: Write with an awareness of the stylistic a Use precise language and domain-specific vocabula 			
the topic.	ary to morn about of explain		
 Use sentences of varying lengths and complexities. 			
 Develop and maintain a consistent voice. 			
• Establish and maintain a formal style.			
CC.1.4.7.F: Demonstrate a grade appropriate comma	and of the conventions of standard English		
grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spe	-		
CC.1.4.7.S: Draw evidence from literary or information			
research, applying grade-level reading standards for			
CC.1.4.7.T: With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as			
needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or tr	rying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose		
and audience have been addressed.			
CC.1.4.7.U: Use technology, including the Internet, t			
sources as well as to interact and collaborate with of			
CC.1.4.7.V: Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and			
generating additional related, focused questions for			
CC.1.4.7.W : Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms			
effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and			
conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format or citation.			
CC.1.4.7.X: Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and			
shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific			
tasks, purposes, and audiences. CC.1.5.7.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.			
CC.1.5.7.E : Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks.			
CC.1.5.7.F : Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and			
findings and emphasize salient points.			
CC.1.5.7.G: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English when speaking based on			
Grade 7 level and content.			
UNIT OBJECTIVES:			

- Apply the concepts of the writing process from prewriting to publishing
- Develop paragraphs demonstrating unity and coherence
- Analyze and critique their own and other students' writing
- Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information clearly
- Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English including grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing or speaking

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES:

- The writing process
 - Topic Sentence/Thesis Statement Supporting sentences Concluding sentences Organizing ideas Transitions Task, purpose, audience
- Develop informative/explanatory essay
- Classroom activities

Ongoing

- Everyday edits
- Standard conventions of English language
- Parts of speech
- Phrases and clauses
- Varied sentence structure
- Misplaced and dangling modifiers
- Fragments and run-ons
- Verbals (participles, gerunds, infinitives)

ANCHOR VOCABULARY:

- Audience
- Anecdote
- Bias
- Cause/effect
- Classification
- Cohesion
- Comparison/contrast
- Definition
- Explain
- Evidence
- Elaborate/elaboration
- Formal Writing Style
- Informative/explanatory writing
- Point of View
- Sentence structure
- Style

- Stylistic Technique
- Transitions
- Topic

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• Writer's Purpose

ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative):

- CDTS (Diagnostic)
- PSSAs (Summative)
- Rough drafts (Formative)
- Peer editing (Formative)
- Grammar Review (Formative)
- Grammar tests and quizzes (Summative)
- Informational/explanatory assignments (Summative)

EVIDENCE OF MASTERY:

- CDT at grade level or higher
- Advanced or Proficient on PSSA
- Objective score of 67% or better
- Summative assessment: informational/explanatory essay-13.5-20 on scale of 0-20

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Remediation/Extension) (Process, Product or Content)

Struggling

- Accommodations based on student's IEP/504
- Grammar worksheets/activities
- Graphic organizers
- Chunking information

Advanced

- Write an informational/explanatory presentation in the format of a newscast
- Create a multi-media presentation of an informational/explanatory topic

- Language Network
- World of Language
- English Grammar & Composition
- Teacher-generated materials
- Student-generated materials
- Quizlet
- Study Island
- Education World
- Other internet resources as needed
- Destiny/Library Resources
- Noodletools
- Other sources as needed

Wallenpaupack Area School District Curriculum		
COURSE: English	GRADE: 7	
UNIT: Opinion/Argumentative Writing	TIME FRAME: 22 ½ days approximately	
	(grammar-ongoing throughout year)	
PA CORE STANDARDS:		

CC.1.4.7.G: Write arguments to support claims.

CC.1.4.7.H: Introduce and state an opinion on a topic.

CC.1.4.7.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. **CC.1.4.7.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.

CC.1.4.7.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.

CC.1.4.7.L: Demonstrate a grade appropriate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

CC.1.4.7.S: Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research, applying grade-level reading standards for literature and literary nonfiction.

CC.1.4.7.T: With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

CC.1.4.7.U: Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and link to and cite sources as well as to interact and collaborate with others, including linking to and citing sources.

CC.1.4.7.V: Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.

CC.1.4.7.W: Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format or citation.

CC.1.4.7.X: Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

CC.1.5.7.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.

CC.1.5.7.B: Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.

CC.1.5.7.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.

CC.1.5.7.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.

CC.1.5.7.E: Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks.

CC.1.5.7.G: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English when speaking based on Grade 7 level and content.

UNIT OBJECTIVES:

- Apply the concepts of the writing process from prewriting to publishing
- Develop paragraphs demonstrating unity and coherence
- Analyze and critique their own and other students' writing
- Write opinion/argumentative essays to support claims
- Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English including grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing or speaking

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES:

- The writing process
 - Topic Sentence/Thesis Statement Supporting sentences Concluding sentences Organizing ideas Transitions Task, purpose, audience
- Develop argumentative essay
- Classroom activities

Ongoing

- Everyday edits
- Standard conventions of English language
- Parts of speech
- Phrases and clauses
- Varied sentence structure
- Misplaced and dangling modifiers
- Fragments and run-ons
- Verbals (participles, gerunds, infinitives)

ANCHOR VOCABULARY:

- Analysis
- Argument
- Argumentative Writing
- Audience
- Author's Point of View/Purpose
- Bias
- Cause/Effect
- Claims
- Cohesion
- Conflicting Evidence
- Conflicting Information
- Conflicting Viewpoint
- Conclusion/concluding section
- Counterclaim/counter argument
- Elaborate/elaboration

- Evidence
- Formal Writing Style
- Opinion Writing
- Point of View
- Sentences
- Stylistic Technique
- Support
- Writer's Purpose

ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative):

- CDTS (Diagnostic)
- PSSAs (Summative)
- Rough drafts (Formative)
- Peer editing (Formative)
- Grammar Review (Formative)
- Grammar tests and quizzes (Summative)
- Opinion/argumentative assignments (Summative)

EVIDENCE OF MASTERY:

- CDT at grade level or higher
- Advanced or Proficient on PSSA
- Objective score of 67% or better
- Summative assessment: opinion/argumentative essay—13.5-20 on scale of 0-20

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Remediation/Extension) (Process, Product or Content)

Struggling

- Accommodations based on student's IEP/504
- Grammar worksheets/activities
- Graphic organizers
- Chunking information

Advanced

- Present an argument from two different points of view
- Create a commercial using one of the propaganda techniques

- Language Network
- World of Language
- English Grammar & Composition
- Teacher-generated materials
- Student-generated materials
- Quizlet
- Study Island
- Education World
- Destiny/Library Resources
- Other internet resources as needed
- Noodletools
- Other sources as needed

Wallenpaupack Area School District Curriculum		
COURSE: English	GRADE: 7	
UNIT: PARTS OF SPEECH (specific focus as per	TIME FRAME: 22 ½ days on average, but ongoing	
matrix)	throughout the year	

PA CORE STANDARDS:

CC.1.2.7.J: Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

CC.1.4.7.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.

CC.1.4.7.F: Demonstrate a grade-appropriate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling (Informative/Explanatory)

CC.1.4.7.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.

CC.1.4.7.L: Demonstrate a grade-appropriate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling (Opinion/Argumentative).

CC.1.4.7.R: Demonstrate a grade-appropriate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling (Narrative).

CC.1.4.7.T: With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

CC.1.4.7.X: Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

CC.1.5.7.G: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English when speaking based on Grade 7 level and content.

UNIT OBJECTIVES:

- Students will demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English including grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing or speaking
- Write and speak using complete sentences
- Develop and strengthen writing using phrases and clauses.
- Demonstrate effective use of verbals.
- Demonstrate effective use of simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences
- Demonstrate effective use of correct agreement (subject-verb; pronoun-antecedent)
- Demonstrate appropriate shifts in verb tense

- Write and speak with an understanding of the basic conventions of Standard English
- Analyze and critique their own and other students' writing

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES:

- Analyze and practice various styles, structures, and techniques
- Content vocabulary
- The writing process
- Classroom activities

Ongoing

- Everyday edits
- Standard conventions of English language
- Parts of speech
- Phrases and clauses
- Varied sentence structure
- Misplaced and dangling modifiers
- Fragments and run-ons
- Verbals (participles, gerunds, infinitives)

ANCHOR VOCABULARY:

- Adjective clause
- Adverb clause
- Agreement (subject-verb/ pronoun-antecedent)
- Analysis
- Antecedent
- Conjunction (Correlative, subordinating)
- Dangling modifier
- Dash
- Dependent/subordinate clause
- Description
- Dialogue
- Formal Writing Style
- Fragments
- Gerund/Gerund phrase
- Independent clause
- Infinitive/Infinitive phrase
- Inappropriate shift in verb tense
- Misplaced / dangling modifiers
- Modifier
- Parenthetical Element
- Participle/Participial phrase
- Point of view
- Prepositional phrase
- Pronouns (Nominative, Objective, Possessive, Intensive, Reflexive, Relative, Indefinite)
- Pronoun Case
- Pronoun Number
- Pronoun Person

- Run-on Sentence
- Sensory language
- Sequence
- Simple/ compound/ complex/ compound-complex sentences
- Text Structure
- Tenses (simple, perfect, progressive)
- Verbal

ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative):

- CDTS (Diagnostic)
- PSSAs (Summative)
- Rough drafts (Formative)
- Peer editing (Formative)
- Grammar Review (Formative)
- Quizzes (Formative, Summative)
- Tests (Summative)
- Projects (Summative)

EVIDENCE OF MASTERY:

- CDT at grade level or higher
- Advanced or Proficient on PSSA
- Objective score of 67% or better

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Remediation/Extension) (Process, Product or Content)

Struggling

- Accommodations based on student's IEP/504
- Grammar worksheets/activities
- Graphic organizers
- Chunking information
- Templates

Advanced

• Submit poem for publication beyond classroom

• Create a presentation using multi-media format

- Language Network
- World of Language
- English Grammar & Composition
- Teacher-generated materials
- Student-generated materials
- Study Island
- Education World
- Destiny/Library Resources
- Noodletools
- Quizlet
- Other sources as needed

Wallenpaupack Area School District Curriculum		
COURSE: English	GRADE: 7	
UNIT: Poetry	TIME FRAME: if time allows	
	(grammar-ongoing throughout year)	

PA CORE STANDARDS:

CC.1.3.7.E: Analyze how the structure or form of a text contributes to its meaning.

CC.1.3.7.F: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in grade level reading and content, including interpretation of figurative, connotative meanings.

CC.1.4.7.M: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events.

CC.1.4.7.N: Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters.

CC.1.4.7.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.

CC.1.4.7.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. **CC.1.4.7.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.

CC.1.4.7.R Demonstrate a grade appropriate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

CC.1.4.7.S: Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research, applying grade level reading standards for literature and literary nonfiction.

CC.1.4.7.T: With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

CC.1.4.7.U: Use technology, including the internet, to produce and publish writing and link to and cite sources as well as to interact and collaborate with others, including linking to and citing sources.

CC.1.4.7.X: Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

UNIT OBJECTIVES:

- Analyze and compare various authors' works
- Apply the concepts of the writing process from prewriting to publishing
- Develop original poems demonstrating effective use of figurative language
- Write with an understanding of the basic conventions of Standard English
- Write poems using various poetic forms
- Analyze and critique their own and other students' writing

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES:

- Analyze poetic styles, structures, and techniques
- Content vocabulary

- Research
- Identifying/creating poems
- The writing process

 Topic Sentence/Thesis Statement
 Supporting sentences
 Concluding sentences
 Organizing ideas
 Transitions
 Task, purpose, audience
- Develop original poems
- Classroom activities

Ongoing

- Standard conventions of English language
- Figurative language
- Precise language and sensory details
- Phrases & clauses
- Misplaced and dangling modifiers

ANCHOR VOCABULARY:

- Analyze
- Description
- Dialogue
- Figurative language
- Figurative meaning
- Interpret
- Narrative writing
- Narrator
- Poem
- Point of view
- Sensory language
- Sequence
- Stanza
- Sonnet
- Text Structure
- Verse
- Writer's Purpose

ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative):

- CDTS (Diagnostic)
- PSSAs (Summative)
- Rough drafts (Formative)
- Peer editing (Formative)
- Grammar Review (Formative)
- Poetry quizzes (Summative)
- Poetry project (Summative)

EVIDENCE OF MASTERY:

- Advanced or Proficient on PSSA
- Objective score of 67% or better
- Summative assessment: poetry project

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Remediation/Extension) (Process, Product or Content)

Struggling

- Accommodations based on student's IEP/504
- Grammar worksheets/activities
- Graphic organizers
- Chunking information
- Templates

Advanced

- Submit poem for publication beyond classroom
- Create a presentation for poetry project using multi-media format

- Language Network
- World of Language
- English Grammar & Composition
- Teacher-generated materials
- Student-generated materials
- Study Island
- Education World
- Destiny/Library Resources
- Poetry websites
- Library Resources
- Quizlet
- Other resources as applicable