# **Haskell CISD Junior High**

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts Course Syllabus

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### **Course Description:**

In Writing, students will focus on the construction of narrative, expository, persuasive, and research pieces.

### **Curriculum:**

The curriculum for this course aligns with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Grade 8 English Language Arts and the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) Reporting Categories 1-3. These may be viewed on the Texas Education Agency website: <u>www.tea.texas.gov</u>

Plagiarism and cheating have no place in a community of learners. Each student is required to put forth their personal best. Everyone has something important and valuable to add to our learning experience. If a student is suspected of plagiarism or cheating, the parents and the principal will be notified and consequences will be determined.

### **Textbooks and Resources:**

Writing Coach, Prentice Hall, 2012; Writing Coach ALL-In-One Workbook; plus various computer programs offered for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Semester:

-Writing Coach: Grammar, Vocabulary Practice and Spelling Practice

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester:

-Writing Coach: The Writing Process, Narrative, Expository, Persuasive, Research