



Chandler Unified School District

ENG810A Gifted Language Arts 8
SY 2023-24



Course Overview

Course Description

Gifted Language Arts 8 challenges students who have demonstrated excellence in reading and writing skills. Critical thinking skills are developed through literary analysis, analytical writing techniques, and the fundamentals of persuasion and debate. Students read advanced literature, including Shakespeare and other significant writers, in order to analyze drama, short stories, novels, and poetic verse.

AP/IB/Dual Enrollment

No

Prerequisite/Fee(s)

Eligibility based on qualifying test scores

Course Materials

None.

Adopted Resource(s)

Teacher Provided

**An asterisk will indicate a resource containing sexually explicit materials per legislative definitions. CUSD has determined that all resources listed above are of exceptional educational value.*

Site and Faculty Information

School name and address:

Payne Junior High School, 7655 S Higley Rd, Queen Creek, AZ 85142

Building principal:

Lisa Palella
palella.lisa@cusd80.com

Teacher:

David Giaramita MEd
giaramita.david@cusd80.com

Office hours: As needed.

Course Access

This course is taught in-person at Payne Junior High School. Students will have access to the curriculum and instruction in the classroom. Google Classroom is the primary location for students to access material when absent from classes taught in person.

Help

Academic Support

- Contact the teacher to schedule an appointment during office hours
- [Ed Tech](#) support for students, parents/guardians, and community link (cusd80.com/Page/45109)

Mental Health Support

- CUSD mental health support cusd80.com/Domain/10528 or 480-573-8808 (talk or text)
- Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: 9-8-8 hotline
- 24-hour Crisis Line Talk: 602-222-9444, Text: 741-741

Student Conduct, Success, and Responsibilities

Student Handbook

Students must follow the policies and procedures established in the Student Handbook. Copies of the handbook can be found at cusd80.com/handbooks. Printed copies will be provided upon request.

Student Responsibilities

All policies are to be adhered to by the PJHS handbook.

Late work

A loss of 10% for late assignments.

Assessments and Assignments

Students will complete assessments during each unit of study to assess their understanding. Students will complete the CUSD Common Final at the end of the first and second semesters. The Common Final will count for 20% of the student's final semester grade in grades 9-12 and 10% in grades 7-8 (some exceptions may apply at the Junior High level). Common finals will be in ELA, Math, Science, Social Science, and World Language.

Final exams will be given during the CUSD Jr High/High School Early Dismissal days in December and May, as identified on the [District Calendar](#).

If students are requested to participate in a survey, the survey questions will be provided to parents/guardians seven days before student contact.

Grading

Grade Percentage

A	B	C	D	F
90% - 100%	80% - 89%	70% - 79%	60% - 69%	<60%

Quarter grades

Assessments 60%
Classwork 40%

Semester grades

Semester grades are calculated using 45/45/10: Each quarter accounts for 45% of the semester grade and the final exam accounts for the remaining 10%.

Units of Study and Selected Novels

Units of Study

Literary Analysis
Expository/Argumentative Writing

Selected Novels

Red Scarf Girl
Sophie's World

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Parent/Guardian

Acknowledgment

Parents/Guardians should indicate if they "Acknowledge" or have a "Potential Conflict" with their student's participation in the following units by checking the appropriate box for each unit of study listed. Students cannot opt out of a standards-based unit. Marking "Potential Conflict" will prompt the teacher to make contact regarding assignment alternatives.

Unit of study	Acknowledge	Potential Conflict
Literary Analysis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expository/Argumentative Writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Selected Novels	Acknowledge	Potential Conflict
Red Scarf Girl	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sophie's World	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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By signing and returning this form, the parent/guardian acknowledges they have reviewed the resources and units of the study included in the syllabus.

- As the parent/guardian, I understand that I may contact the teacher if I have questions about the resources, content, or units of study.
- As the parent/guardian, I understand I can check my student's grades in Infinite Campus anytime during the school year.

Student name (printed) _____

Student signature _____

Parent/Guardian name (printed) _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Please return this page to your student's teacher.