



Dear Families,

As students prepare for adulthood and lifelong learning, literacy becomes a powerful tool for analysis, empathy, and expression. Our high school ELA program expands on this, helping students develop critical skills to engage deeply with complex ideas and texts.

New Standards for a New Era of Learning

This school year marks the rollout of Georgia’s new English Language Arts standards for high schools across the state. These updated standards are built for the modern world—encouraging students to read widely, think deeply, and communicate effectively. In high school, students will:

- Study a range of complex texts and respond with insight and evidence
- Strengthen their ability to write, speak, and present ideas for real audiences
- Analyze how context, purpose, and language shape meaning in different texts
- Use research and inquiry to explore, synthesize, and communicate knowledge

The standards are framed around three key domains: Language Structures, Texts, Practices. These domains reflect the many ways students engage with texts and contribute their voices in academic, civic, and professional settings. More information on Georgia’s K-12 English Language Arts (ELA) Standards can be found [here](#).

Core Resource: CommonLit 360

We are using CommonLit 360, a fully digital, standards-aligned ELA curriculum for grades 9–12 that:

- Includes rich, high-quality anchor texts and supports building knowledge over time
- Engages students through layered tasks, text-based evidence, discussion, and writing tied to real-world contexts

Students can annotate digital texts, participate in discussions, and complete performance-based tasks that build toward college and career readiness.

At Home

Through CommonLit 360, families can access:

- Student learning materials and digital texts
- Class objectives and upcoming units
- Tools and tips for supporting reading and writing development

We are excited to work alongside you as your student develops the analytical and expressive literacy skills that will serve them well beyond high school.

Warmest regards,

The Cobb County English Language Arts Department