

## **Grades 6–8 English Language Arts**

### **What Families Can Expect**

Dear Families,

Middle school is a time when students become increasingly independent readers, writers, thinkers, and communicators. In Cobb County, our English Language Arts program is designed to help students engage with meaningful ideas, think critically about the world around them, and communicate with confidence. We believe literacy extends far beyond learning to read and write—it equips students to ask thoughtful questions, consider multiple perspectives, solve problems, and express their own ideas with clarity and purpose.

### **What Your Child Will Experience**

Georgia's English Language Arts standards encourage students to make meaning from the texts they read, hear, and view while also creating their own through writing, speaking, and other forms of communication.

Throughout the year, students will have opportunities to:

- Read a wide variety of literary, informational, and multimedia texts.
- Analyze how authors use language, organization, and craft to communicate ideas.
- Write for authentic purposes and audiences using a variety of techniques.
- Engage in meaningful discussions, collaborative learning experiences, and presentations.
- Build vocabulary and language knowledge through daily reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
- Conduct research, evaluate information, and communicate their learning using evidence.

These experiences help students become thoughtful readers, effective communicators, and lifelong learners.

### **High Quality Instructional Materials**

To support this learning, students use Savvas myPerspectives, Cobb County's core instructional resource for grades 6–8. The program provides high-quality, diverse texts organized around engaging themes and essential questions that encourage students to think deeply and make connections across literature, informational texts, and their own experiences.

Through myPerspectives, students regularly:

- Read closely and analyze complex texts.
- Collaborate with classmates through discussion and inquiry.

- Develop writing that communicates ideas clearly and effectively.
- Build vocabulary and language skills in meaningful contexts.
- Complete authentic performance tasks that integrate reading, writing, speaking, and research.

Teachers use myPerspectives alongside district resources and professional expertise to provide engaging, standards-aligned instruction that meets the needs of all learners.

### **Supporting Literacy at Home**

Families play an important role in developing strong readers and writers. We encourage you to:

- Ask your child about what they are reading and learning in class.
- Encourage daily reading for enjoyment as well as learning.
- Discuss current events, books, podcasts, or articles together.
- Celebrate your child's writing and encourage them to write for authentic purposes.
- Have your student access their myPerspectives online dashboard using their district login credentials to review classroom texts, assignments, and digital learning resources.

Working together, we can help every student become a confident, capable communicator.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education.

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