

**Point Webster Middle School
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SYLLABUS

TEACHER: Ms. Loftus

COURSE: 7th Grade Language Arts

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:

Houghton Mifflin English Text
John Collins Writing Across the Curriculum
Scholastic Vocabulary/Spelling
Various articles and poems
Workbook

MAJOR TOPICS

(The topics listed below are not necessarily listed in the order they will be taught)

CONVENTIONS AND STRUCTURES OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Parts of Speech	Types of Sentences
Punctuation	Sentence Development
Capitalization	Paragraph Development

VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT

COMPOSITION

Narrative	Persuasive
Descriptive	Expository
Poetry	Friendly Letter/Business Letter

Literary Devices

Figurative Language

ASSESSMENT TOOLS

Rubrics	Projects
Teacher Observation	Composition Notebooks
Co-operative Learning Projects	Quizzes/Tests
Essays	Writing Portfolios
Essays	Attendance
Class Participation	Homework

*See Individual Student Education Plans or 504 Plans for modification where applicable.

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Homework is generally given Monday through Thursday. Projects, essays, and other long term assignments will be expected to be completed over weekends and vacations when assigned.

GRADING POLICY

Grades are based on class participation, attendance, homework, quizzes/tests, writing assignments and projects. Parents/guardians will be notified if a student is falling below satisfactory on any one of the previous criteria for grading.