



3 – 12 ELA Courses Description Guide

Philadelphia Schools

3-6 Literacy	<p>165 minutes daily of literacy instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Text Study• Interactive Read Aloud• Reading Workshop and Independent Reading• Writing Workshop <p>In Text Study, students engage in thematic units while learning to comprehend and analyze complex grade-level texts as required by the Common Core State Standards. Text Study texts are connected to high-quality novels that are read and discussed during Interactive Read Aloud. In Reading Workshop, students develop lifelong independent reading habits. In Writing Workshop, students learn the qualities of compelling narrative, informational, and opinion writing, while also learning grammar rules and conventions.</p>
7-12 Literature	<p>50 minutes of daily literature instruction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literature <p>In Literature, students engage in thematic units while learning to comprehend and analyze complex grade-level texts as required by the Common Core State Standards. Students read, analyze, and write about nonfiction, literature, and poetic texts.</p>
7-9 Composition	<p>50 minutes of daily writing and grammar instruction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing Workshop <p>In middle school Writing Workshop, students learn the qualities of compelling narrative, informational, and opinion writing, while also learning grammar rules and conventions. In ninth grade Composition, students spend the year deepening their research writing skills.</p>

Camden Schools

3-8 English Language Arts	<p>165 minutes (in grades 3-5) or 135 minutes (in grades 6-8) of daily instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wheatley Core Block• Wheatley Support Block <p>The KIPP Wheatley ELA curriculum includes close reading lessons with complex grade-level texts focused on building students' skills to deeply understand what they are reading. Through Wheatley writing lessons, students learn explicit frameworks for constructing narrative, explanatory, and argumentative writing products that draw on the essential themes and unique features of the texts students are reading. Through a Wheatley support block, students receive individualized reading support through Guided Reading, independent reading, anchor novel support, and remediation.</p>
9-12 Literature	<p>50 minutes of daily literature instruction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literature <p>Springboard is our complete high school English Language Arts instructional program that prepares students for college-level work. Students develop and refine skills in critical thinking, close reading, writing in various genres, and doing research.</p>

	Students read and analyze a wide range of texts in genres including poetry, novels, plays, biographies, nonfiction narratives, speeches, and films. They also learn to write in forms including essays, personal narratives, argumentative texts such as editorials, and research papers.
9 Composition	50 minutes of daily writing and grammar instruction. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Composition In ninth grade Composition, students spend the year deepening their research writing skills.