



3 – 12 ELA Courses Description Guide

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• Reading Centers (grades 3-5) or Literature Centers (grades 6-8) <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 Reading Centers/Literature Centers, 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> <p><i>Philadelphia schools:</i> 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> <p><i>Camden schools:</i> 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. 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.</p>
9 Composition	<p>50 minutes of daily Composition instruction focused on writing and grammar</p> <p>In ninth grade Composition, students spend the year deepening their research writing skills.</p>