

Parent Guide to Student Success

Rutherford County Schools is committed to providing high quality instruction anchored in the [Tennessee State Standards](#) using state adopted and board approved curriculum resources.

What to Expect in 7th Grade English Language Arts

Students will continue to read and analyze a variety of texts from multiple perspectives. A big leap in 7th grade is seen in a student's ability to not only recognize themes and central ideas, but also to understand how they are developed over the entirety of a text.

Students will also continue to focus on using textual evidence to support discussions and interpretations of text. Whether responses are written or spoken, the key is that evidence from the text is both accurate and reliable.



A Sample of What Your Child Will Be Working On

- Supporting analysis of a book, essay, article, poem, or play using several sources of evidence.
- Analyzing how the themes and central ideas develop over the course of the text.
- Analyzing relationships between events, ideas, and people, as well as structural choices within a text.
- Determining the meaning of unfamiliar words and phrases and identifying how they affect the meaning and tone of a text.
- Analyzing specific elements of a story or drama to understand how they affect each other.
- Determining an author's point of view or purpose in a nonfiction work and analyzing if and how the author takes a position different from other authors.
- Creating a written or spoken response to a text while using accurate and reliable evidence to support statements and conclusions.
- Using appropriate grammar.



Conversation Starters

With Students

- What are you reading?
- What other topics would you like to read about?
- What type of writing are you working on in class? Can you show me a sample?
- What is your favorite thing about reading or writing? Why?

With Teachers

- How can we practice reading and writing at home?
- Are there resources you would recommend?
- Is my child meeting the expectations of this class?
- How can I keep up with my child's progress and what they are currently reading?



Resources:

[TN State Standards](#) |