

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Language Arts Plus 8 Course Description**

The English Plus class is a nine -week elective class. The class will reinforce and enhance the following Nebraska Language Arts Standards.

**Reading standards:** Students will learn and apply reading skills and strategies to comprehend text.

**Writing Standards:** Students will learn and apply writing skills and strategies to communicate

**Speaking and Listening Standards:** Students will learn and apply speaking and listening skills and strategies to communicate.

**Comprehensive Multiple Literacies Standards:** Students will identify, locate and evaluate information.

**Class Materials –** (You should bring these every day to class)

Notebook

AR Book

Pen or Pencil

Assignment Book

Folder to keep work

### **Rules and Expectations:**

Respect others

Come to class prepared and on time

Participate in discussion and activities

Use class time wisely

Listen to instructions

No electronic use without teacher permission

### **Consequences may include:**

Teacher conference

Parent Contact

An after school or lunch detention

Office referral

## **Grading Policy**

### **Grading System**

**A - 94 -100**

**B - 86-93**

**C - 78- 85**

**D- 70-77**

**F- 69- 0**

**Incomplete – recorded as a 0 until assignment is completed.**

**Two types of student assessment will be used in this course.**

**Formative Assessments** will help students to practice the lesson and develop an understanding of the class curriculum. Assessments will include:

- **Daily assignments**
- **Small learning projects**

**Summative Assessments** will give the student an opportunity to demonstrate their learning for a grade. Summative assessments will include:

- Quizzes**
- Specific learning projects or presentations**
- Tests**

### **Grade Values**

**Summative tests/projects – 60%**

**Summative Quizzes – 30%**

**Formative Daily Work – 10%**

**Retake Policy** – Students will be able to retake a failing assignment. A retake must be scheduled and must be taken within 5 school days after the initial assignment. Prior to the retake a student must review the material covered. A final grade will be averaged between the original and retake unless specified by the teacher. **Incompletes** – Students who do not take or finish an assessment will be given an incomplete in the grade book. Those students will have 10 school days to arrange a time to complete the assignment. **Special considerations** due to unforeseen circumstances should be discussed directly with the teacher.

