

Middle School English Language Arts, 6-8

WHAT WE TEACH

Newark City Schools teaches curricula tied to and defined by the Ohio's Learning Standards, which outline performance expectations for students in the strands of reading, writing, language, and speaking and listening.

HOW WE TEACH IT

We deliver responsive, flexible instruction based on learner needs. Teachers pre-assess students to determine core competencies and then focus their instruction on areas for growth. Within our block English language arts classes, students receive direct, explicit instruction in reading and writing, supplemented with word study and speaking and listening practice.

Over the course of the program, students study a variety of complex texts, fiction and non-fiction, selected for their richness and developmental appropriateness. Literature is broad in spectrum, ensuring texts reflect a mind-expanding assortment of diverse opinions and experiences.

PROGRAM TARGETS

In striving to help all students succeed, we set the following program targets, which outline what learners should be able to do upon completion of their program:

- read closely and strategically for a variety of purposes, including understanding, application, analysis, and enjoyment;
- produce a range of writing that is appropriate to audience and task;
- employ precise language to convey ideas and share information;
- use a variety of strategies to determine the meanings of unknown words; and
- speak and listen to the end of effective communication.