



# Secondary ELA

## What does it take to be successful?

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# What does my child learn in ELA?

## STATE STANDARDS English Language Arts

### Reading

- Understanding Key Ideas and Details
- Craft and Structure
- Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
- Text Complexity

### Writing

- Mastery of Text Types (argument, informative, narrative)
- Production and Distribution of Writing
- Researching and Presenting

# STATE STANDARDS

## English Language Arts

### Speaking and Listening

- Conversation, Comprehension, and Collaboration
- Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

### Language

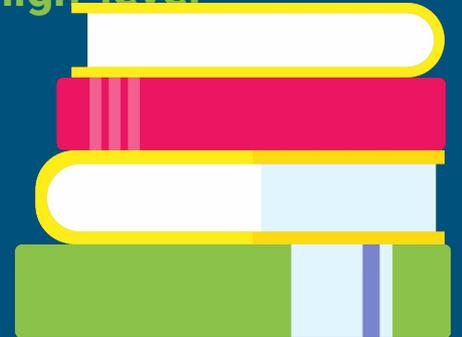
- Command of Writing Conventions
- Knowledge of Language (style)
- Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

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# How can I nurture my child's skills in ELA?

- Maintain a well-stocked home library.
- Read with your child. Choose from many genres.
- Ask your child questions about what he/she is reading. Try to ask recall, analysis, evaluative, and synthesis questions.
- Don't use "baby-talk" with your child. Speak to him/her with high-level language and vocabulary.
- Encourage diary, journal, or creative writing.
- Go on cultural outings to build background knowledge.



# Questions for Reading: *The Three Little Pigs*

## Recall

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What happened in the story?

## Evaluative

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What effect does the rhyme pattern have on how the story is told?

## Analysis

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Why couldn't the wolf blow down the brick house?

## Synthesis

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How does the 1989 version, *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, by Jon Scieszca, both incorporate and satirize elements of the original story?

# Transitioning from Elementary ELA to Secondary ELA



## READING

- Adolescent and Classical Literature
- Novels, Short Stories, Poetry
- Articles, Essays, and Other Nonfiction
- Analysis, Evaluation & Synthesis



## WRITING

- Informative, Persuasive, and Narrative Writing
- Essays/Response to Literature
- Research Papers
- Creative Writing
- MLA Style



## LISTENING/SPEAKING

- Socratic Seminar
- Evidence Based Conversations
- Presentations to Classmates
- Public Speaking Elective
- Use of Digital Media



## LANGUAGE

- Understanding Literary Devices
- Using Modes of Persuasion
- Developing Proper Grammar, Syntax, Punctuation, & Spelling
- Acquiring New Vocabulary

# 6th Grade to 7th Grade: Tips for Success

- Have an organized notebook or digital portfolio.
  - Attend Extra Help even if you are doing well. Consider it enrichment.
  - Let your guidance counselor know if you are struggling. Don't keep your struggles to yourself.
  - Make sure to continue reading books of your choice.
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-Communication is key! Don't be afraid to ask questions in class.

-Annotating books (or handouts) will help you study and remember important points in the text.

-9th grade report card grades go on your transcript, so keep your grades up! Low grades can compromise your GPA.

# 8th Grade to 9th Grade: Tips for Success

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# ASSESSMENTS

End of Unit Performance Tasks

Quarterly Exams

Final Exams

AP Seminar, AP Research, AP Language, AP  
Literature Assessments

English Regents

Secondary ELA  
Curriculum  
Maps can be  
found on the  
HHH website.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the website for Half Hollow Hills Central School District. The URL in the address bar is <https://www.hhh.k12.ny.us/teaching-learning/english-language-arts/secondary-language-arts-and-reading/curriculum-maps>. The page features a green header with the district logo and navigation links for SCHOOLS, DISTRICT, TEACHING & LEARNING, COMMUNITY, and CALENDAR. The main content area includes a blue heading: "PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINKS BELOW TO ACCESS CURRICULUM MAPS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS IN GRADES 6 THROUGH 12." Below this heading is a vertical list of links for Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8, Grade 9, Grade 10, Grade 11, Grade 12, and AIS. Further down, there are two green links: "ENGLISH DEPARTMENT GRADING POLICY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL" and "ENGLISH DEPARTMENT GRADING POLICY FOR HIGH SCHOOL". On the right side of the page, there is a vertical sidebar menu with a search icon at the top. The menu items include Academic Programs, Athletics, Business, Educational Technology, English Language Arts (which is highlighted with a blue border), Elementary Language Arts and Reading, Secondary Language Arts and Reading (with a sub-menu containing Summer Reading, College Essay Summer Course, Curriculum Maps, English Electives, Highlight on Senior Experience, Grammar Guide, and Learning Standards), English as a New Language, Family and Consumer Science, and Health and Physical Education. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the browser window.

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# Questions?

