

# 7<sup>th</sup> English Language Arts

## **Overview**

The DMPS Curriculum Overview provides general information on what students are learning and the context (topic) in which they learn, practice, and are assessed in ELA. This highlights the learning that is most essential for student success; it is our district's guaranteed and viable curriculum.

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**Curriculum Access: EL Education - Grade 7** 

Semester I	Module I: The Lost Children of Sudan  A Long Walk to Water		Module 2: Epidemics Patient Zero			
84 days 81 lessons	Unit I	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit I	Unit 2	Unit 3
Topic Name	Topic I: The Lost Boys	Topic 2: Write to Inform	Topic 3: Raise Awareness	Topic 4: Medical Epidemics	Topic 5: Social Epidemics	Topic 6: Respond to Epidemics
# of lessons in each unit	16 lessons	14 lessons	I I lessons	14 Lessons	15 Lessons	11 Lessons
Approximate end dates for the topics	9/15	10/9	10/26	11/21	12/15	1/10
Focus Standards	RL.7.1 RL.7.2 L.7.1 RL.7.6 L.7.4	RI.7.2 W.7.7 W.7.8 RL.7.9 W.7.2	RL.7.1 RL.7.7 W.7.3 W.7.4	RI.7.3 RI,7.4 RI.7.5	RI.7.8 W.7.2	W.7.7 W.7.8 SL.7.4 SL.7.1

Semester 2	Module 3: The Harlem Renaissance One Last Word		Module 4: Plastic Pollution  Trash Vortex			
82 days 84 lessons	Unit I	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit I	Unit 2	Unit 3
Topic Name	Topic 7: Music and Art	Topic 8: Literature	Topic 9: Poetry	Topic 10: Plastic Pollution	Topic II: Take a Stand	Topic 12: Spread the Message
# of lessons in each unit	12 lessons	16 lessons	14 lessons	13 lessons	15 lessons	14 lessons
Approximate end dates for the topics	1/31	2/26	3/26	4/15	5/7	5/24
Focus Standards	RL.7.4 RL.7.7	RL.7.3 RL.7.6 W.7.1 W.7.4 W.7.5	RL.7.2 RL.7.4 RL.7.5 SL.7.4 SL.7.5 SL.7.6	RI.7.2 RI.7.6 RI.7.7 SL.7.2 SL7.3	RI.7.2 RI.7.9 SL.7.3 SL.7.4 W.7.1	SL.7.4 SL.7.5 SL.7.6 W.7.3 W.7.5

#### **Scoring & Grades**

Grades are intended to provide students and families with feedback on student learning aligned to the common core standards. Feedback is first given to students as the complete and submit evidence of their learning (tasks and assessments in class) in the form of an ET, AT, PT or NM. Those pieces of evidence are compiled and analyzed to provide feedback to students and families for each learning target throughout the unit.

### **Grading Designations for Learning Targets:**

- ✓ **ET (Exceeds Target)-** The student demonstrates evidence of learning that goes above and beyond (complexity, depth of understanding, etc.) the learning target.
- ✓ **AT (Achieving Target)-** The student demonstrates mastery of the full target. This is shown through evidence of mastery of each success criteria combined in service of the full language of the target.
- ✓ **PT (Progressing Toward Target)-** The student demonstrates mastery of one or more success criteria but has not yet shown mastery of the full target. They need more time and support to reach the target.
- ✓ **NM (Not Meeting Target)-** The student demonstrates evidence related to learning, but the evidence does not yet show mastery of at least one success criteria.
- ✓ M (Missing)- There is no evidence to show where the student is at in relation to meeting the learning target.

**Topic (Unit) Scores:** Learning Target scores are analyzed to determine a student's overall score for the topic (unit).

Topic Scores are determined by collecting evidence for each target within the unit. A topic score of less than 3.0 means students have not yet demonstrated proficiency in all targets within the unit.

Evidence shows the student	Topic Score
Demonstrates proficiency (AT) in all learning targets and success at Level 4	4.0
Demonstrates proficiency (AT) in all learning targets with partial success at Level 4	3.5
Demonstrates proficiency (AT) in <u>all</u> learning targets	3.0
Demonstrates proficiency (AT) in <u>at least half</u> of the learning targets	2.5
Demonstrates some success criteria (PT) toward <u>all</u> learning targets	2.0
Demonstrates some success criteria (PT) towards <u>some</u> of the learning targets	1.5
Does not yet meet minimum criteria for the targets.	1.0
Produces no evidence appropriate to the learning targets at any level	0

# Module I

The common core standards are represented in the Learning Targets that we report in the gradebook on Infinite Campus.

Unit 1: Building Background Knowledge: The Lost Boys of	Learning Targets Taught and Assessed
Sudan	☐ Success criteria: what students must do to demonstrate understanding of
	the targets.
Common Core Standards	
<b>RL.7.1</b> Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support	LT1A- Analyze how an author develops a theme over the course of a text.
analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences	☐ Identify a theme in a complex text.
drawn from the text.	$\square$ Identify key details or events the author uses to emphasize that theme.
<b>RL.7.2</b> Determine a theme or central idea of a text and	☐ Construct an objective summary.
analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.	☐ Support explanation/interpretation with text evidence
<b>L.7.1</b> Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard	LT1B- Analyze point of view and how it is conveyed in a complex text.
English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	☐ Identify the point of view of specific individuals in a text.
<b>RL.7.6</b> Analyze how an author develops and contrasts the	☐ Identify setting or events that impact a person's perspective.
points of view of different characters or narrators in a text.	☐ Support explanation/interpretation with text evidence.
<b>L.7.4</b> Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they	
are used in a text, including figurative and connotative	LT1C- Utilize strategies to determine the meaning of an unfamiliar word.
meanings; analyze the impact of rhymes and other	☐ Identify and apply context clues.
repetitions of sounds (e.g., alliteration) on a specific verse	☐ Use Greek or Latin affixes and/or roots.
or stanza of a poem or section of a story or drama.	
Unit 2: Write to Inform: The Lost Children of South Sudan	Learning Targets Taught and Assessed
	☐ Success criteria: what students must do to demonstrate understanding of
Common Core Standards	the targets.
RI.7.2 Determine two or more central ideas in a text and	LT2A- Analyze how an author develops two or more central ideas over the course
analyze their development over the course of the text;	of a text.
provide an objective summary of the text.	☐ Identify central idea(s) in a complex text.
<b>W.7.7</b> Conduct short research projects to answer a	☐ Identify key details or events.
question, drawing on several sources and generating	☐ Construct an objective summary.
additional related, focused questions for further research	☐ Support explanation/interpretation with text evidence.
and investigation.	
<b>W.7.8</b> Gather relevant information from multiple print and	LT2B- Conduct research to answer specific questions.
digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the	☐ Identify and utilize relevant sources.
credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or	Create and refine relevant research questions.
paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while	Evaluate relevance and credibility of sources.

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avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for	☐ Cite sources to avoid plagiarism.
citation.	LT2C- Write an informative piece that compares how events depicted in literary
<b>RL.7.9</b> Compare and contrast a fictional portrayal of a time,	non-fiction are depicted in historical accounts.
place, or character and a historical account of the same	☐ Identify main ideas or key details in each account.
period as a means of understanding how authors of fiction	☐ Identify where the author of literary non-fiction altered historical events.
use or alter history.	☐ Introduce topic clearly.
W.7.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a	☐ Conclusion supports information presented.
topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through	☐ Use comparison/contrast strategy.
the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.	☐ Use relevant sources.
Unit 3: Write to Raise Awareness: The Lost Children of	Learning Targets Taught and Assessed
South Sudan	Success criteria: what students must do to demonstrate understanding of the
	targets.
Common Core Standards	
<b>RL.7.1</b> Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support	LT3A- Compare and contrast a written story to the audio version and analyze the
analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences	effect of the techniques.
drawn from the text.	☐ Describe how specific vocal techniques emphasize certain words or phrases
<b>RL.7.7</b> Compare and contrast a text to an audio, video, or	to create meaning.
multimedia version of the text, analyzing each medium's	☐ Describe how mood and tone differ in print and audio versions of a passage.
portrayal of the subject (e.g., how the delivery of a speech	
affects the impact of the words).	LT3B- Compose a narrative based on specific events and perspectives of the Lost
W.7.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined	Children of South Sudan
experiences or events using effective technique, relevant	☐ Introduce characters and setting.
descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.  W.7.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the	<ul> <li>Use information from sources to develop realistic settings, characters, and events.</li> </ul>
development, organization, and style are appropriate to	☐ Develop the point of view of a narrator and/or characters.
task, purpose, and audience.	☐ Use precise words and sensory language to convey events.
	☐ Follow standard conventions of written English for spelling, capitalization,
	and grammar.
	LT3C- Adapt a written narrative for different audiences.
	☐ Identify target audience.
	☐ Use relevant descriptive details and thoughtful transitions.
	Use images or illustrations to enhance meaning.

# Module 2

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Unit 1: Build Background Knowledge: Solving Medical Epidemics	Learning Targets Taught and Assessed
Epidemics	
	Success criteria: what students must do to demonstrate understanding of the targets.
Common Com Standards	
Common Core Standards	
RI.7.3 Analyze the interactions between individuals,	LT4A- Explain how sections of a text contribute to the meaning to the chapter or text
events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence	as a whole.
ndividuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas	☐ Identify the structures the author uses to organize information.
or events).	☐ Describe how a section adds meaning to the chapter or text as a whole.
RI.7.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as	
hey are used in a text, including figurative, connotative,	LT4B- Analyze how individuals, ideas, and events influence one another.
and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific	☐ Identify key individuals, ideas, and events in a text.
word choice on meaning and tone.	☐ Explain how individual, ideas, or events interact.
<b>RI.7.5</b> Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a	
ext, including how the major sections contribute to the	LT4C- Analyze the impact of specific word choice on meaning and tone.
whole and to the development of the ideas.	☐ Determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases.
	☐ Identify the tone created by specific words or phrases.
	Analyze how the tone of the text contributes to its overall meaning.
Unit 2: Write to Inform: Are Social Epidemics Real?	Learning Targets Taught and Assessed
Samman Sam Shandarda	Success criteria: what students must do to demonstrate understanding of the targets.
Common Core Standards	
RI.7.8 Trace and evaluate the argument and specific	LT5A- Trace and evaluate the strength of an argument.
claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is	☐ Identify the main claim, points, evidence, and reasoning in a text.
sound, and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to	☐ Evaluate whether evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the argument.
support the claims.	☐ Evaluate whether reasoning is sound.
<b>W.7.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a	
opic and convey ideas, concepts, and information	LT5B- Compose an Informative essay responding to a specific question about social
hrough the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.	epidemics.
elevant Content.	☐ Clearly states a focus and remains focused throughout.
	☐ Uses accurate and relevant examples, details, and quotations to explain points.
	☐ Groups information logically.
	☐ Follows rules of writing for spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

#### **Learning Targets Taught and Assessed** Unit 3: Spread the Message: How to Respond to Success criteria: what students must do to demonstrate understanding of the targets. **Epidemics Common Core Standards** W.7.7 Conduct short research projects to answer a LT6A- Research to answer specific questions. question, drawing on several sources and generating ☐ Identify specific terms or phrases to drive an internet search. additional related, focused questions for further research ☐ Assess the credibility of the source. and investigation. ☐ Identify key details from sources that support the research question. W.7.8 Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess LT6B- Present findings in a focused and coherent manner. the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or ☐ Use relevant descriptions, facts, details, and examples to emphasize points. paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while ☐ Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely. avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for Uses appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. ☐ Demonstrates command of formal English as appropriate. citation. **SL.7.4** Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient ☐ Include academic and domain-specific vocabulary. points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use LT6B- Students work productively in various roles with other participants. ☐ Focus actively on collaborative tasks. appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear ☐ Change or reinforce ideas or perspectives based on new, credible information pronunciation. **SL.7.1** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative and experiences. discussions (one- on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) ☐ Provide textual evidence to support ideas. ☐ Respond thoughtfully to perspectives of others. with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own ☐ Pose questions to others to clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions. clearly.

## Module 3

The common core standards are represented in the Learning Targets that we report in the gradebook on Infinite Campus.

#### Unit 1: Collaboration in the Harlem Renaissance **Learning Targets Taught and Assessed** Success criteria: what students must do to demonstrate understanding of the targets. **Common Core Standards** LT7A- Compare and contrast written and audio versions of text \*\* **RL.7.4** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and ☐ Describe different techniques used in literary, musical, or visual mediums. connotative meanings; analyze the impact of rhymes and ☐ Analyze the effects of techniques in each medium. other repetitions of sounds (e.g., alliteration) on a specific verse or stanza of a poem or section of a story or drama. LT7B- Interpret how an author uses figurative language to convey meaning and **RL.7.7** Compare and contrast a written story, drama, or develop theme. poem to its audio, filmed, staged, or multimedia version, ☐ Determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases. analyzing the effects of techniques unique to each ☐ Understand word relationships and how they convey meaning. medium (e.g., lighting, sound, color, or camera focus and ☐ Determine the figurative and connotative meaning of words. ☐ Identify themes. angles in a film). ☐ Analyze how specific word choice impacts the development of a theme. LT47C- Analyze how the structure of a text contributes to its meaning. ☐ Identify specific poetic/lyrical elements and structures. ☐ Describe how certain poetic/lyrical elements and their impact on mood, tone, and meaning. Unit 2: The Context of the Harlem Renaissance **Learning Targets Taught and Assessed** Success criteria: what students must do to demonstrate understanding of the targets. **Common Core Standards** RL.7.3 Analyze how particular elements of a story or LT8A- Analyze how story elements interact and shape one another. drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or ☐ Describe setting. ☐ Describe elements of characterization and character relationships. plot). **RL.7.6** Analyze how an author develops and contrasts the ☐ Trace plot as it develops. points of view of different characters or narrators in a ☐ Describe how the setting influences how events unfold or how characters react. text. W.7.1 Write arguments to support claims with clear LT8B- Explain how and author develops and contrasts character's points of view. ☐ Identify the points of view of central complex characters. reasons and relevant evidence. W.7.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the ☐ Describe how differences in character point of view impact the meaning of the development, organization, and style are appropriate to text.

task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations	
for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)	LT8C- Compose literary argument writing that asserts a claim about the development
W.7.5 With some guidance and support from peers and	of a theme.
adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by	☐ Clearly state a focused claim.
planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new	☐ Acknowledges counterargument.
approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience	☐ Uses accurate and relevant evidence and reasoning.
have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should	☐ Organizes information logically.
demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to	☐ Maintains a formal style.
and including grade 7.)	
Unit 3: The Legacy of the Harlem Renaissance	Learning Targets Taught and Assessed
	Success criteria: what students must do to demonstrate understanding of the targets.
Common Core Standards	
RL.7.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and	LT9A- Interpret how an author uses figurative language to convey meaning and
analyze its development over the course of the text;	develop theme.
provide an objective summary of the text.	☐ Determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases.
<b>RL.7.4</b> Determine the meaning of words and phrases as	☐ Understand word relationships and how they convey meaning.
they are used in a text, including figurative and	☐ Determine the figurative and connotative meaning of words.
connotative meanings; analyze the impact of rhymes and	☐ Identify themes.
other repetitions of sounds (e.g., alliteration) on a specific	☐ Analyze how specific word choice impacts the development of a theme.
verse or stanza of a poem or section of a story or drama.	
<b>RL.7.5</b> Analyze how a drama's or poem's form or structure	LT9B- Analyze how the structure of a text contributes to its meaning.
(e.g., soliloquy, sonnet) contributes to its meaning	☐ Identify specific poetic elements and structures.
<b>SL.7.4</b> Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient	☐ Describe certain poetic elements and their impact on mood, tone, and meaning.
points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent	
descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate	
eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.	LT9C- Present a personal reflection of their learning process.
<b>SL.7.5</b> Include multimedia components and visual displays	☐ Create a presentation that includes multimedia or visual elements.
in presentations to clarify claims and findings and	☐ Speak with clarity as appropriate to the audience and modality.
emphasize salient points.	☐ Use appropriate verbal and physical techniques (eye contact, volume, pace,
<b>SL.7.6</b> Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks,	body language).
demonstrating command of formal English when	☐ Demonstrate authenticity and craftsmanship in the final product.
indicated or appropriate. (See grade 7 Language	☐ Demonstrate deep knowledge of chosen artifacts and their relationship to the
standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.)	Harlem Renaissance.

# Module 4

The common core standards are represented in the Learning Targets that we report in the gradebook on Infinite Campus.

Unit 1: Plastic Pollution	Learning Targets Taught and Assessed
	Success criteria: what students must do to demonstrate understanding of the targets.
Common Core Standards	
<b>RI.7.2</b> Determine two or more central ideas in a text and	LT10A- Compare and contrast how information is presented in written and visual forms.
analyze their development over the course of the text;	☐ Identify central idea/s.
provide an objective summary of the text.	☐ Identify how video techniques enhance text
<b>RI.7.6</b> Determine an author's point of view or purpose in	☐ Identify authors claim(s) and supporting evidence when relevant
a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or	☐ Examine similarities and differences in how ideas are introduced, what types of
her position from that of others.	details are emphasized, and their impact on the audience.
RI.7.7 Compare and contrast a text to an audio, video,	☐ Provide an objective summary of the text.
or multimedia version of the text, analyzing each	LT10B- Analyze purpose and point of view and how it is conveyed in a complex text
medium's portrayal of the subject (e.g., how the	☐ Identify the point of view of specific individuals in a text.
delivery of a speech affects the impact of the words).	$\square$ Identify details or events that impact a person's perspective or position.
<b>SL.7.2</b> Analyze the main ideas and supporting details	☐ Describe how an author distinguishes their position from that of others.
presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually,	☐ Support explanation/interpretation with text evidence.
quantitatively, orally) and explain how the ideas clarify a	LT10C- Identify and trace the argument an author presents in a text
topic, text, or issue under study.	☐ Identify the main claim of an argumentative text.
<b>SL7.3</b> Delineate a speaker's argument and specific	☐ Identify evidence and reasoning used to support the main claim.
claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and	
the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.	
Unit 2: Take a Stand: Ways to Reduce Plastic Pollution	Learning Targets Taught and Assessed
	Success criteria: what students must do to demonstrate understanding of the targets.
Common Core Standards	
<b>RI.7.2</b> Determine two or more central ideas in a text and	LT11A- Analyze how different authors treat the same topic while emphasizing different
analyze their development over the course of the text;	evidence
provide an objective summary of the text.	☐ Delineate and evaluate a speaker's claims.
RI.7.9 Analyze how two or more authors writing about	☐ Describe how different authors present evidence and interpret facts.
the same topic shape their presentations of key	
information by emphasizing different evidence or	LT11B- Analyze the development of two or more central ideas in a text
advancing different interpretations of facts.	☐ Identify two or more central ideas of a text.
	☐ Identify specific details that help convey the central idea.
	☐ Construct an objective summary.

<b>SL.7.3</b> Delineate a speaker's argument and specific	☐ Support explanation/ interpretation with text evidence.
claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and	LT11C- Compose formal argument writing that presents a stance reducing plastic
the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.	pollution.
<b>SL.7.4</b> Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient	☐ Introduces and clearly states a claim.
points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent	☐ Supports the claim with clear points/reasons and evidence.
descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use	☐ Uses words and phrases to show the relationships among claim and
appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear	points/reasons.
pronunciation.	☐ Includes a conclusion that follows from the argument presented.
W.7.1 Write arguments to support claims with clear	☐ Follows the rules of writing (spelling, punctuation, and grammar).
reasons and relevant evidence.	
Unit 3: Spread the Message: We Can Make a Difference	Learning Targets Taught and Assessed
	Success criteria: what students must do to demonstrate understanding of the targets.
Common Core Standards	
<b>SL.7.4</b> Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient	LT12A- Create a documentary script/storyboard that clearly presents solutions to a
points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent	problem.
descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use	☐ Presents findings, emphasizing salient points.
appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear	☐ Includes pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples.
pronunciation.	☐ Presents content in a focused and coherent manner.
SL.7.5 Include multimedia components and visual	☐ Multimedia components and visual displays chosen clarify claims and emphasize
displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings	salient points.
and emphasize salient points.	☐ Chooses language to express ideas precisely and concisely.
<b>SL.7.6</b> Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks,	
demonstrating command of formal English when	LT12B- Revise and strengthen a documentary script.
indicated or appropriate. (See grade 7 Language	Utilizes feedback to improve quality of work and conventions.
standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.)	Chooses language to express ideas precisely and concisely.
<b>W 7.5</b> With some guidance and support from peers and	☐ Includes pertinent points, key descriptions, facts, details, and/or examples.
adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by	
planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new	LT12C- Present a personal reflection of their learning process.
approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience	Speak with clarity as appropriate to the audience and modality.
have been addressed.	☐ Use appropriate verbal and physical techniques (eye contact, volume, pace, body
	language).
	Demonstrate authenticity and craftsmanship in the final product.
	☐ Demonstrate deep knowledge of their solution to the problem.