



STAFFORD MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Year at a Glance

ELAR Grade 8

Course Description: In grade 8, students refine and master previously learned reading, writing, listening, speaking, collaborating, and thinking skills. Students continue to read complex texts from multiple genres. Students produce multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structure and use their knowledge of grammar to improve their writing and produce error-free compositions. Students will also write and present research reports using visuals and media. Students are expected to read a minimum of twenty minutes daily at home.

<i>Grading Periods</i>	<i>Unit Names</i>
Grading Period 1	Unit 0: Launching 8 th Grade ELAR Unit 1: Rite of Passage
Grading Period 2	Unit 1: Rite of Passage Unit 2: Learning from History
Grading Period 3	Unit 2: Learning from History Unit 3: What Matters
Grading Period 4	Unit 3: What Matters
Grading Period 5	Unit 4: Human Intelligence <i>STAAR Preparation Unit</i>
Grading Period 6	Unit 5: Pushing Boundaries