

PARENT GUIDE TO

SEVENTH GRADE

Second Nine Weeks

Honors/STEAM

READING LANGUAGE ARTS

Seventh-grade Honors students focus on argument, theme, and strong essay writing.

- Talk about ads or news stories and ask, “What is the writer trying to convince readers to think or do?”
- After a TV show or movie, ask, “How did a character’s choice change the ending?”
- Point out strong or surprising word choices in music, ads, or headlines and discuss their effect.
- Encourage your student to read their writing aloud to check that every sentence is clear and complete.
- Celebrate progress by asking about writing goals and upcoming projects.

MATH

MODULE 2 Developing Function Foundations (continued)

Family and Caregiver Guide

- Your child will deepen their understanding of solving equations and exploring linear relationships.
- Focus: connecting proportions to linear relationships, solving two-step equations and inequalities, showing equations in different ways, studying linear relationships, and an introduction to functions.
- They will use what they already know about proportional relationships to help with these new skills.

MODULE 3 Modeling Linear Equations

Family and Caregiver Guide

- Your child will build a deeper understanding of linear relationships.
- Focus: finding patterns in data with two variables, solving linear equations, and solving systems of linear equations.
- They will use what they already know about linear relationships and two-step equations to help with these new skills.

SCIENCE

- Learn how the Sun’s energy, water on Earth, and the air all work together to create weather and climate.
- Discover the life cycle of stars and how scientists use charts to group and compare different types of stars.
- Explore the main features of waves, like how tall they are (amplitude), how often they happen (frequency), and how long they are (wavelength), including light waves.

SOCIAL STUDIES

During this grading period, students are studying the Texas Revolution, the Republic of Texas, and Statehood. Students will learn:

- Key events that led to the Texas Revolution
- Battles, leaders, and turning points of the Revolution.
- Life in the Republic of Texas and early statehood.
- Why Texas joined the U.S.
- Effects of geography on key events in Texas history.
- Immigration and how it shaped Texas communities.
- Principles of Texas government.
- How the Texas Constitution compares to the U.S. Constitution.

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HOW CAN I HELP MY Exceptional Learner

Help Them Stay Organized

- Set up a quiet space with the tools they need — pens, notebooks, folders, and a planner.
- Check in weekly (not daily!) to review assignments or upcoming projects.
- Teach them how to use a calendar or checklist to manage due dates and priorities.

Support Their Social-Emotional Growth

- Junior High brings big emotions. Be a safe place to talk about frustrations or friendships.
- Teach problem-solving and coping skills — deep breathing, writing things down, or taking a break.
- Remind them that effort, not perfection, is the goal.

LOOKING AHEAD COLLEGE & CAREER

Build Real-World Skills Now

- Encourage responsibility: chores, managing time, turning in homework on time.
- Support soft skills like communication, teamwork, and perseverance.
- Help them see the connection between what they're learning and the real world.

Explore Careers Without the Pressure

- Watch videos, visit local workplaces, or invite friends/family to share what they do for a living.
- Show your child that there are many paths to success — college, trade schools, certifications, military service, entrepreneurship, etc.

DIGITAL TOOLS FOR SUCCESS FOR HOME & SCHOOL



ClassLink

The below tools are accessible through DISD's [ClassLink Portal](#). Click the ClassLink Icon to the left and login with Student ID and Password.



(Free Resource)



BEYOND ACADEMICS SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL BEHAVIOR

Character Strong:

- Responsibility (October)
- Gratitude (November)
- Empathy (December)

By 7th grade, kids crave more control over their lives. One powerful way to teach responsibility is to **include them in creating rules and consequences** —especially for things like screen time, curfews, or schoolwork.

Instead of just enforcing rules, have a calm discussion:

- Ask, "What do you think a fair rule is for phone use on school nights?"
- Work together to set expectations and agree on what happens if the rules are broken.

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