

PARENT GUIDE TO

SEVENTH GRADE

Fourth Nine Weeks Honors/STEAM

READING LANGUAGE ARTS

This grading period, students strengthen key reading and writing skills. They will practice writing clear responses, using text evidence, and improving sentence clarity. Students will read engaging texts and explore themes that will guide a short research project.

Students will:

- Write clear responses that include a claim and evidence.
- Organize ideas with strong reasons and explanations.
- Revise sentences to make writing smoother and more precise.
- Identify an author's claim, evidence, and perspective.
- Read new texts, identify themes, and use those themes to explore research topics.

MATH

MODULE 5

Analyzing Populations, Probabilities, and Potential

Students will learn about:

- probability and chance by using everyday objects like dice and spinners,
- how to predict what may happen in different scenarios,
- collect, display, and compare data from different groups, and
- how to draw conclusions about a larger population based on a small sample.

[Family and Caregiver Guide](#)

SCIENCE

- Learn how natural events like volcanic eruptions, meteor hits, sudden changes in ocean currents, and greenhouse gases affect Earth's climate.
- Understand how human activities like cutting down trees, building cities, and releasing greenhouse gases can change the climate.
- Explore the carbon cycle and how carbon moves through the air, plants, animals, and the Earth.

SOCIAL STUDIES

This grading period, students are learning:

- How the Great Depression and Dust Bowl affected Texas.
- How Texas contributed to and was changed by World War II.
- How Texas's population has changed over time.
- How civil rights movements shaped equality and justice in Texas.
- How the Conservative Movement influenced Texas politics and society.
- How the Texas economy has grown into today's industries.
- How Texas government works and how citizens participate.

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QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER



- Is my child showing the readiness, motivation, and mindset for 8th grade success?
- How does my child contribute to the learning environment or classroom community?
- What skills will be especially important as they move into their final year of middle school?
- Are there any summer activities or resources that can help my child explore academic interests?
- How can we use the summer to balance rest, responsibility, and academic review?

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD LEARN AT HOME?

Eighth grade is the final step before high school, making this a key transition year. Help your child get ready by:

Building strong academic habits. Regularly reviewing notes, keeping up with long-term projects, and using checklists can boost success.

Practicing self-discipline. Encourage them to take responsibility for completing work on time, checking grades, and communicating with teachers.

Strengthening reading and writing skills. 8th grade includes more complex texts and higher expectations for written responses.

Discussing future planning. Start conversations about high school pathways, interests, and goals.

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:

- Cooperation (March)
- Courage (April)
- Creativity (May)

Cooperation means working together to reach a common goal, even when tasks feel challenging or opinions differ. Students learn how to listen, share ideas, and respect others' strengths.

Courage isn't just about being brave in big moments—it's also about speaking up, trying new things, and doing what's right even when it's difficult. Students learn that courage can look quiet or bold, and that mistakes are part of growing.

Creativity is the practice of thinking in new ways, solving problems with imagination, and expressing ideas through art, writing, design, or innovation.

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