

MS Curriculum Overview

1. Course Title	Grades 5-8 Performance Literature
2. Course Overview	<p><i>A yearlong pass/fail course available for selected students in grades 5-8 who consistently score above benchmark on district and classroom assessments and have been recommended by their Language Arts teachers, and Gifted and Talented Teacher. Students will study a variety of literary styles, formats, purposes, audiences, and tasks to create their own literacy-based performances. Some examples of student performances may include oral presentations, improvisation, speeches, reader's theater, mock trials, and debates. Grades will reflect mastery of the grade level speaking and listening standards. This class will meet every 3rd day for 58 minutes.</i></p>
3. Main Resource Used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Teaching Drama: The Essential Handbook</i> ● <i>Speak Up!</i> ● <i>Speak Out!</i> ● <i>Unjournaling</i> ● <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>
4. Unit Sequence & Titles	<p>Units</p> <p><i>* Units/projects vary based on student groups</i></p> <p><i>* Grade 5 focuses on basics of acting and theatre throughout the year and culminates with an in-class play</i></p> <p><i>*Grade 8 (½ year course) focuses on Mock Trials</i></p>