

First Semester	
1 st Six Weeks (29 Days)	
Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	(27 Days)
Focus: Students interpret and analyze the elements of fiction and drama in both reading and writing. Standards: 8.2A, 8.2B, 8.2E, 8.3A, 8.3B, 8.3C, 8.5A, 8.6A, 8.6B, 8.6C, 8.8A, 8.13B, 8.13C, Fig.19A, Fig.19B, Fig.19C, Fig.19D, Fig.19E, Fig.19F, 8.15A.i, 8.15A.ii, 8.15A.iii, 8.15A.iv, 8.15A.v, 8.16A, 8.17C, 8.28A	
Scan Deadline for SCA 1-Reading	Sep. 28
2 nd Six Weeks (24 Days)	
Unit 2: Analyzing Informational Text	(22 Days)
Focus: Students interpret and analyze expository and procedural text in both reading and writing. Standards: 8.2A, 8.2B, 8.2C, 8.2D, 8.2E, 8.9A, 8.10A, 8.10B, 8.10C, 8.10D, 8.12A, 8.12B, 8.13B, 8.13C, Fig.19A, Fig.19B, Fig.19C, Fig.19D, Fig.19E, Fig.19F, 8.17A.i, 8.17A.ii, 8.17A.iii, 8.17A.iv, 8.17A.v, 8.17B, 8.25A, 8.25C, 8.26A, 8.26B, 8.28A	
Scan Deadline for SCA 1-Writing	Oct. 05
Scan Deadline for SCA 2-Reading	Nov. 02
3 rd Six Weeks (30 Days)	
Unit 3: Analyzing Persuasive Text & Media, Literary Nonfiction, and Poetry	(28 Days)
Focus: Students interpret, analyze, and create persuasive text, literary nonfiction, and poetry (using literary elements and techniques). Standards: 8.2A, 8.2B, 8.2E, 8.3C, 8.4A, 8.7A, 8.8A, 8.9A, 8.10B, 8.11A, 8.11B, 8.13A, 8.13B, 8.13C, Fig.19A, Fig.19B, Fig.19C, Fig.19D, Fig.19E, Fig.19F, 8.15B.i, 8.15B.ii, 8.15B.iii, 8.16A, 8.17C, 8.18A, 8.18B, 8.18C, 8.27A, 8.28A	
Scan Deadline for SCA 2-Writing	Nov. 09
Scan Deadline for SCA 3-Reading	Nov. 27
Scan Deadline for SCA 4-Reading	Dec. 20

Second Semester	
4 th Six Weeks (29 Days)	
Unit 4: Creating Connections Across Literary Text & Informational Text	(18 Days)
Focus: Students interpret, analyze, and make in-depth connections in literary texts from a variety and cultural backgrounds, and in informational texts with similar purposes and topics. Standards: 8.2A, 8.2B, 8.2C, 8.2D, 8.3A, 8.3B, 8.3C, 8.4A, 8.5A, 8.6A, 8.6B, 8.6C, 8.7A, 8.8A, 8.9A, 8.10A, 8.10B, 8.10C, 8.10D, 8.11A, 8.11B, Fig.19B, Fig.19C, Fig.19D, Fig.19E, Fig.19F, 8.15A.i, 8.15A.ii, 8.15A.iii, 8.15A.iv, 8.15A.v, 8.16A, 8.17A.i, 8.17A.ii, 8.17A.iii, 8.17A.iv, 8.17A.v, 8.17B	
Scan Deadline for SCA 3-Writing	Jan. 09
Scan Deadline for SCA 5-Reading	Feb. 01
Unit 5: Creating Connections Across All Genres	(10 Days)
Focus: Students interpret, analyze, and make in-depth connections between literary and informational texts with similar topics, themes, and/or purposes. Standards: 8.2A, 8.2B, 8.2C, 8.2D, 8.3A, 8.3B, 8.3C, 8.4A, 8.5A, 8.6A, 8.6B, 8.6C, 8.7A, 8.8A, 8.9A, 8.10A, 8.10B, 8.10C, 8.10D, 8.11A, 8.11B, 8.13A, 8.13B, 8.13C, Fig.19B, Fig.19C, Fig.19D, Fig.19E, Fig.19F	
5 th Six Weeks (30 Days)	
Unit 5: Creating Connections Across All Genres (continued)	(8 Days)
Focus: Students interpret, analyze, and make in-depth connections between literary and informational texts with similar topics, themes, and/or purposes. Standards: 8.2A, 8.2B, 8.2C, 8.2D, 8.3A, 8.3B, 8.3C, 8.4A, 8.5A, 8.6A, 8.6B, 8.6C, 8.7A, 8.8A, 8.9A, 8.10A, 8.10B, 8.10C, 8.10D, 8.11A, 8.11B, 8.13A, 8.13B, 8.13C, Fig.19B, Fig.19C, Fig.19D, Fig.19E, Fig.19F	
Reading Benchmark	Feb. 20
STAAR Review	(19 Days)
Focus: Students continue to develop readiness for the STAAR Assessments. Standards: Campus decision	
Reading Focus Review	March 04-April 05
6 th Six Weeks (34 Days)	
Unit 6: Producing Research	(24 Days)
Focus: Students use the research process to make inferences, summarize, synthesize, and provide textual evidence based on information gathered. Standards: 8.2C, 8.2D, 8.13B, 8.13C, 8.10A, 8.10C, 8.10D, 8.14A, 8.14B, 8.14C, 8.17D, 8.22A, 8.22B, 8.23A, 8.23B, 8.23C, 8.23D, 8.24A, 8.24B, 8.25A, 8.25B, 8.25C, 8.25D, 8.26C	
Math STAAR Test	April 09
Reading STAAR Test	April 10
STAAR Review for Retesters	(10 Days)
Focus: Students continue to develop readiness for the STAAR Assessments. Standards: Campus decision	
Reading Focus Review	April 29-May 10
Math STAAR Test (retest)	May 13
Reading STAAR Test (retest)	May 14
Science STAAR Test	May 15
Social Studies STAAR Test	May 16

First Six Weeks	Second Six Weeks	Third Six Weeks
Writing	Writing	Writing
<p><u>Writing Focus (8.14A-E)</u> Literary Writing (8.15A) Literary Response (8.17C) Letter Writing (8.17B)</p> <p><u>Revising & Editing (8.14)</u></p> <p><u>Conventions (8.19)</u> Sentence variety – simple, complex, and compound (modifiers, antecedents, tenses) (8.19C) Verbs-perfect and progressive tenses (8.19Ai) Capitalization (8.20A) Punctuation (8.20B) Spelling (8.21A)</p>	<p><u>Writing Focus (8.14A-E)</u> Personal Narrative(8.16A) Poem (8.15B)</p> <p><u>Revising & Editing (8.14)</u></p> <p><u>Conventions</u> Subordinating conjunctions (8.19Av) Commas after intro. words, phrases, and clauses (8.20Bi) Complex sentences (8.19B) Capitalization (8.20A) Punctuation: semicolons (8.20Bi)</p>	<p><u>Writing Focus (8.14A-E)</u> Expository (8.17A) Persuasive (8.18)</p> <p><u>Revising & Editing (8.14)</u></p> <p><u>Conventions</u> Appositive phrases (8.19Aii) Adverbial and adjectival phrases and clauses (8.19Aiii) Sentence variety (8.19C)- compound and complex</p>
Fourth Six Weeks	Fifth Six Weeks	Sixth Six Weeks
Writing	Writing	Writing
<p><u>Writing Focus (8.14A-E)</u> Informational Letter Writing (8.17B) Expository (8.17A-D) Persuasive (8.18)</p> <p><u>Revising & Editing (8.14)</u></p> <p><u>Conventions</u> Relative pronouns (8.19Aiv) Colons & hyphens (8.20Bii) Sentence variety (8.19C)- compound and complex</p>	<p><u>Writing Focus (8.14A-E)</u> Informational Research (8.22, 8.23, 8.24, 8.25) Expository (8.17A-D) Multimedia Presentation (8.17D)</p> <p><u>Revising & Editing (8.14)</u></p> <p><u>Conventions</u> Parentheses, brackets, ellipses (8.20Bii) Sentence variety (8.19C)- compound and complex</p>	<p><u>Writing Focus (8.14A-E)</u> *Continue research & multimedia presentation if needed Imaginative Story (8.15A) Expository (8.17A-D)</p> <p><u>Revising & Editing (8.14)</u></p> <p><u>Conventions</u> Review and practice</p>

1st Six Weeks				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
August 20 Flex Day	21 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama (27 Days)	22 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	23 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	24 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama
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September 03 No School/Labor Day	04 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	05 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	06 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	07 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama
10 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	11 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	12 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	13 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	14 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama
17 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	18 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	19 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	20 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	21 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama
24 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	25 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	26 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	27 Unit 1: Analyzing Fiction and Drama	28 Flex Day (Scan Deadline for SCA 1-Reading)