

7th Grade News at Crews

Alton C. Crews Middle School: Building a Tradition of Excellence

Grading Scale

A.....	90-100
B.....	80-89
C.....	74-79
D.....	70-73
U.....	0-69

Special points of interest:

- **Homework Policy:** Homework reinforces concepts presented at school and is an integral component of each student's educational experience. It provides an opportunity for students to explore and master skills more thoroughly than class time alone will allow. Additionally, homework encourages the development of responsibility, self-discipline, and personal study skills.
- **Make-up Work Policy:** If a student is present when an assignment is given, the student is expected to have the assignment when he/she returns. When a student is absent, there will be a daily assignment sheet for the student to copy upon return or see e-mail sent by teacher. It is the student's responsibility to ask for make-up work. If an assignment sheet is given prior to a prearranged absence, it is expected that the work will be turned in the day the student returns. No prearranged assignments will be given for unexcused absences.
- **Late Work** is a behavioral issue and will be addressed as such.
- **Retest Plan:** To view and/or print Crews Middle School's assessment retest plan guidelines and request form, go to the Parent section of the school's website: www.crews.org.

Language Arts

Course Overview:

This course is designed to guide students in improving critical thinking and written and oral communication skills. The objectives emphasize listening and speaking, reading, vocabulary, spelling, literature, the writing process, grammar, usage, and mechanics, and accessing information. Each objective will be covered in a variety of manners including, but not limited to, reading, writing, written, oral and visual activities, group work, and presentations.

Textbooks:

Language of Literature and *Language Network*, published by McDougal Littell.

Grade Distribution:

Summative Assessments:

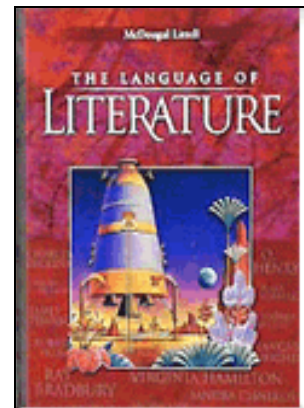
(Tests/Major Writing Pieces/Projects): 48%

Formative Assessments

(Classwork/Quizzes): 40%

Interim Exam: 2%

Comprehensive Final Exam: 10%



Language Arts Help Time: Every Thursday from 8:15-8:55 A.M. and by appointment at other times.

Math

Materials:

Core Text(s): *Glencoe Georgia Math— Grade 7 or Grade 7 Plus*

Supplemental: Calculators, graphing calculators provided by teachers, and manipulatives

Assessments (kinds, frequency):

Summative:

There are six summative unit tests during the semester. Unit tests will include free-response, multiple choice questions, and a written component.

Formative: This may include classwork activities, pop quizzes, computation drills, and review assignments

Grading:

Formative: 40%


Interim Exam: 2%

Summative: 48%

Semester Final Exam: 10%

Work: Students are required to keep their work in a 5-subject spiral notebook or binder.



Math Help Time
Wednesdays from 8:15-8:55 a.m. and by appointment.
Online
Textbook: 

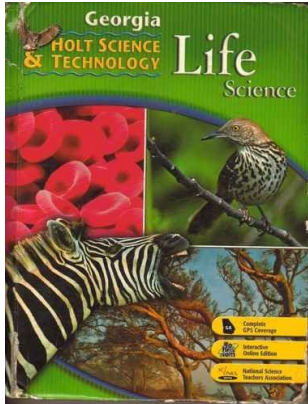


All information subject to change based upon student need and teacher discretion.



All Classes: Please use the go2.gwinnett.k12.ga.us Parent Portal as a resource for information about your child and his or her academic progress.

Science



Course Overview: Students will discover the importance of the biological world through scientific inquiry, observation, and scientific literacy. Life Science will be an exploration of unique organisms and the interactions between the organisms. 7th grade life science is designed to give students the necessary skills for a smooth transition from elementary life science to high school biology and beyond.

Materials: Core Text: *Life Science*, published by Holt.

Grading:

Summative Assessments: 48% (Tests/Major Projects/Papers)

Formative Assessments: 35% (Daily Work, Labs, Common Tasks, Quizzes, Mini-projects)

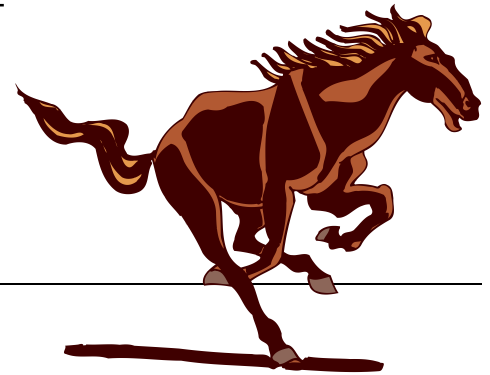
Homework 5%

Interim Exam: 2%

Comprehensive Final Exam: 10%

Extra Help Time: Every Thursday from 8:15-8:55 A.M. and by advance appointment.

Online Textbook:



Social Studies

Course Overview: This year the students will explore the continents of Africa and Asia. They will learn about the physical characteristics of each region in order to grasp the relationship between the abundance or absence of natural resources and economic growth. Students will also become familiar with the different forms of political systems and how each country's leadership determines their economic system. There will be a strong emphasis on the development of these countries since WWII and how this has impacted the growth of their economy. In addition to daily lessons and activities, students will also demonstrate their understanding of content knowledge through quizzes, projects, papers and tests.

Core Texts: *Eastern World*, published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston;

Grading:

Summative Assessments: Tests/Major Projects: 50%

Formative Assessments: Quizzes/Mini-projects/Daily Work: 38%

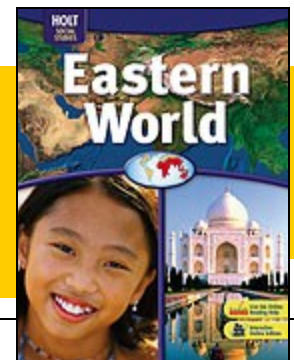
Interim Exam: 2%

Comprehensive Final Exam: 10%

ONLINE TEXT



Extra Help Time: Every Wednesday from 8:15-8:55 A.M. and by appointment at other times.



Gifted

If you are taking one or more Gifted classes: The gifted program offers accelerated learning and enriched academic curriculum experiences that focus on and extend Gwinnett County Public Schools' Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS). This extended curriculum is differentiated in content, process, and product.

Students who do not maintain a satisfactory of **74% or better** in their gifted program class(es) will be placed on a plan of improvement. If the grades do not improve within a nine-week period, the student will be removed from the gifted education program.

Extra Help Time: Every Wednesday (Math and Social Studies) and Thursday (LA and Science) from 8:15-9:00 A.M. and by appointment.

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