

<b>DEPARTMENT: READING</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE: READING SKILLS 9</b> <b>Course Number: 043</b>
<b>GRADE(S): 9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>PRE-REQUISITES (IF ANY): MUST BE TAKEN PRIOR TO 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WRITING &amp; LITERATURE A AND WRITING &amp; LITERATURE B</b>

<b>UNIT</b>	<b>LENGTH</b>	<b>CONTENT</b>	<b>SKILLS</b>	<b>METHODS OF ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>FRAMEWORK STRAND(S) &amp; STANDARD(S)</b>
<b>Reading Skills Development</b>	12 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This trimester course is for students who need to strengthen their reading skills in preparation for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing &amp; Literature A and Writing &amp; Literature B.</li> <li>Readings include short fiction, articles, essays, selected poetry, one Shakespearean play (<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>), one modern play (<i>Fences</i>), and a modern novel (<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>).</li> <li>Students also participate in an independent reading program designed to improve attitudes toward reading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active reading skills: improving reading comprehension, rate and fluency</li> <li>Vocabulary development and enrichment: acquiring new words through context clues and dictionary use</li> <li>Improving study skills</li> <li>Elements of literature: introducing the elements of short and long fiction, drama, poetry, and non-fiction</li> </ul>	<p>Class participation</p> <p>High/Medium/Low Stakes writing: Reading Journals, Focused Responses to Literature, and Literary essays.</p> <p>Reading and vocabulary quizzes</p> <p>Oral Reports</p> <p>Course Portfolio</p>	<p>Language: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6</p> <p>Literature: 8, 9, 10</p> <p>Composition: 19, 20</p>