



Plus Catalog for Middle School English Language Arts

About Michigan Virtual School®

Michigan Virtual School challenges students who want to learn in a different way, using the latest in technology to explore math, science, social studies, world languages and language arts in a flexible, personalized environment. Online high school and middle school courses are taught by highly-qualified, Michigan-certified teachers. *MVS*® doesn't award credit or diplomas, but students receive a completion certificate recognized by local and intermediate school districts that award credit and diplomas.

MVS is accredited by the North Central Association and the Commission on International and Trans-regional Accreditation, meaning that *MVS* courses exceed essential standards of educational quality. Some *MVS* core courses are approved by the NCAA.

What is Online Learning?

Online learning is educational content and instruction that is delivered via the Internet. Content and instruction are delivered through a variety of methods including text, audio, video, simulations and other interactive tools. Students and instructors most often interact asynchronously (interactions separated by time), through email, discussion forums and announcements, though some courses require synchronous communication (no time lapse), such as through video conferencing tools.

MVS Plus Courses

MVS Plus courses for high school students are offered during the regular school year (semester and trimester) and in the summer. Advanced Placement courses are offered during the school year as semester length courses. Middle school *MVS Plus* courses are in the semester format; a limited number of middle school courses are offered in the summer. Click [here](#) for course pricing information.

Information about Prerequisites

Course prerequisites are listed where applicable. Prerequisites are provided as suggestions to guide course selection. It is up to the person enrolling the student to determine whether the student has the necessary background knowledge.

Course Title: *Read - Succeed***School Level:** MS**Delivery Format:** Plus**Standards:****Prerequisite:** 4th Grade Reading Level

Description: Struggling Middle School readers will gain confidence and increase skills as they work through reading units that have an outdoor adventure theme. This course scaffolds text with audio and visual supplements. Course activities encourage reflection and critical thinking. Beginning with the acclaimed adolescent novel, *Rescue Josh McGuire* by Ben Mikaelson, students will read and listen to teacher-created audio files. Additionally, they will access information on carefully selected Internet sites and view video clips. The adventure theme continues as students explore people and places through short stories and poetry. Students will do some mini-research and learn strategies for reading nonfiction. The final unit allows students to make some choices based on personal interests as they apply their learning.

Syllabus: <https://cems.mivu.org/SyllabusView.aspx?CourseID=514>**Cost (MI):** \$275**Cost (Non-MI):** \$410**SCED Code:** Subject Area: (51) English Language and Literature (prior-to-secondary)

Course Identifier: (049) Reading

Course Level: (G) General or Regular

Suggested Credit: 0.5

Sequence: 1 of 1

Course Title: *Language Arts A (6th Grade)***School Level:** MS**Delivery Format:** Plus**Standards:****Prerequisite:** 5th Grade English

Description: This is the first course in a two-course sequence. Where am I going? What will I find when I travel into the world ahead? Discovering the answers to these and many other questions will be the focus of the course. Through inquiry, self-discovery, and reflection students cultivate their reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing skills as they experience the world of literature. Using the theme of "A Time for Exploration," students will follow the steps of the writing process to communicate effectively and actively engage in the steps of the reading process. This will be accomplished via a journey through visual, oral and written texts (fiction, biography, nonfiction, mythology, poetry and folk tales).

Syllabus: <https://cems.mivu.org/SyllabusView.aspx?CourseID=319>**Cost (MI):** \$275**Cost (Non-MI):** \$410**SCED Code:** Subject Area: (51) English Language and Literature (prior-to-secondary)

Course Identifier: (034) Language Arts (grade 6)

Course Level: (G) General or Regular

Suggested Credit: 0.5

Sequence: 1 of 2

Course Title: *Language Arts B (6th Grade)*

School Level: MS

Delivery Format: Plus

Standards:

Prerequisite: Language Arts A - 6th Grade

Description: This is the second course in a two-course sequence. Where am I going? What will I find when I travel into the world ahead? Discovering the answers to these and many other questions will be the focus of the course. Through inquiry, self-discovery and reflection students cultivate their reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing skills as they experience the world of literature. Using the theme of "A Time for Exploration," students will follow the steps of the writing process to communicate effectively and actively engage in the steps of the reading process. This will be accomplished via a journey through visual, oral and written texts (fiction, biography, nonfiction, mythology, poetry and folk tales).

Syllabus: <https://cems.mivu.org/SyllabusView.aspx?CourseID=284>

Cost (MI): \$275

Cost (Non-MI): \$410

SCED Code: Subject Area: (51) English Language and Literature (prior-to-secondary)

Course Identifier: (034) Language Arts (grade 6)

Course Level: (G) General or Regular

Suggested Credit: 0.5

Sequence: 2 of 2

Course Title: *Language Arts A (7th Grade)*

School Level: MS

Delivery Format: Plus

Standards:

Prerequisite: 6th Grade English

Description: This is the first course in a two-course sequence. In this course, students enhance their reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing skills through exploration and investigation of fiction, nonfiction, short stories, cultural studies, self-discovery, and character education. Through a varied list of learning experiences, students will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of literary, informational, and technical texts. Using the theme of "A Time for Discovery," students will learn and use the writing process to communicate ideas and respond critically to visual, oral and written texts.

Syllabus: <https://cems.mivu.org/SyllabusView.aspx?CourseID=320>

Cost (MI): \$275

Cost (Non-MI): \$410

SCED Code: Subject Area: (51) English Language and Literature (prior-to-secondary)

Course Identifier: (035) Language Arts (grade 7)

Course Level: (G) General or Regular

Suggested Credit: 0.5

Sequence: 1 of 2

Course Title: *Language Arts B (7th Grade)***School Level:** MS**Delivery Format:** Plus**Standards:****Prerequisite:** Language Arts A - 7th Grade

Description: This is the second course in a two-course sequence. In this course, students enhance their reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing skills through exploration and investigation of fiction, nonfiction, short stories, cultural studies, self-discovery, and character education. Through a varied list of learning experiences, students will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of literary, informational, and technical texts. Using the theme of "A Time for Discovery," students will learn and use the writing process to communicate ideas and respond critically to visual, oral and written texts.

Syllabus: <https://cems.mivu.org/SyllabusView.aspx?CourseID=285>**Cost (MI):** \$275**Cost (Non-MI):** \$410**SCED Code:** Subject Area: (51) English Language and Literature (prior-to-secondary)

Course Identifier: (035) Language Arts (grade 7)

Course Level: (G) General or Regular

Suggested Credit: 0.5

Sequence: 2 of 2

Course Title: *Language Arts A (8th Grade)***School Level:** MS**Delivery Format:** Plus**Standards:****Prerequisite:** 7th Grade English

Description: This is the first course in a two-course sequence. Who am I? How do I fit into the world? How do I make sense of these changing times? This course will answer those questions and many more! In this course, students will develop their reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing skills as they explore and enjoy a variety of materials (novels, short stories, poetry, biographies, articles, drama, essays and media). In addition, the course focuses on effective communication strategies that students need in order to succeed in this changing and challenging society. Students will explore the theme of "The American Quest: Past, Present and Future" while developing reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing skills through a variety of materials (novels, short stories, poetry, biographies, articles, drama, essays and media).

Syllabus: <https://cems.mivu.org/SyllabusView.aspx?CourseID=321>**Cost (MI):** \$275**Cost (Non-MI):** \$410**SCED Code:** Subject Area: (51) English Language and Literature (prior-to-secondary)

Course Identifier: (036) Language Arts (grade 8)

Course Level: (G) General or Regular

Suggested Credit: 0.5

Sequence: 1 of 2

Course Title: *Language Arts B (8th Grade)*

School Level: MS

Delivery Format: Plus

Standards:

Prerequisite: Language Arts A - 8th Grade

Description: This is the second course in a two-course sequence. Who am I? How do I fit into the world? How do I make sense of these changing times? This course will answer those questions and many more! In this course, students will develop their reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing skills as they explore and enjoy a variety of materials (novels, short stories, poetry, biographies, articles, drama, essays and media). In addition, the course focuses on effective communication strategies that students need in order to succeed in this changing and challenging society. Students will explore the theme of "The American Quest: Past, Present and Future" while developing reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing skills through a variety of materials (novels, short stories, poetry, biographies, articles, drama, essays and media).

Syllabus: <https://cems.mivu.org/SyllabusView.aspx?CourseID=286>

Cost (MI): \$275

Cost (Non-MI): \$410

SCED Code: Subject Area: (51) English Language and Literature (prior-to-secondary)

Course Identifier: (036) Language Arts (grade 8)

Course Level: (G) General or Regular

Suggested Credit: 0.5

Sequence: 2 of 2