

**DOBBS FERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**SUBJECT:** Language and Literature AIS  
(Academic Intervention Services)

**Grade 8**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

AIS are services designed to help students achieve the learning standards in English Language Arts. This extra help is made available through focused instruction and increased instructional time in order to enhance fluency, comprehension, writing, and word study. These skills will be developed using a variety of leveled texts, including nonfiction, fiction, and poetry. Data is kept to show growth, as well as areas of strengths and weaknesses.

Classwork, activities/lessons are facilitated by the teacher utilizing the *Fountas and Pinnell Leveled Literacy Program*.

Once students have achieved the learning standards in ELA, students will exit the Language and Literature AIS course.

**ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES:**

*By June of this year, students in this class will be able to:*

1. Achieve the learning standards in English Language Arts
2. Demonstrate skills to assist them in all areas of their learning

Students are identified by their performance level on state assessments in ELA. Students who score Level 1 and Level 2 are eligible for AIS. Students are also identified as needing help by district-adopted or district-approved testing and procedures.

**CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT:**

Students will not receive a grade in this course. However, comments will be used to show strengths and weaknesses.