

8th Grade
Computer Literacy
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Brief Overview: Students will spend the term learning about the ethical use of the computer as well as how to use the Internet. This will include learning about software piracy, citing electronic sources, copyright laws, and software laws. We will be discussing how to do research on the Internet, how to judge good websites and find the information we need. While learning about these topics, students will use various computer applications: word processing, spreadsheets, presentation graphics (PowerPoint), desktop publishing (Publisher).

Grading: Grading will consist of:

1. Daily work/homework 40%
2. Tests/Projects 60%

There may be written tests* and 4-5 computer projects (computer work to be done in class ONLY)

Class structure: We will discuss the topics, and then complete a computer project using the information.

*Evaluation of students can be done in several ways. One way is to give a test to the students. Another way is through class discussion and observation of work. If students can demonstrate that they have grasped the concepts through class participation, note taking and in the computer projects, a written test **may** not be given.