7th Grade English

**ENGLISH CLASS EXPECTATIONS & PROCEDURES**

**Important Information**

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**Learning the “Ropes”**

Hello and welcome to what we hope will be an exciting year for you in 7th grade! As a student in this English class, you will be expected to come to class each day with a positive attitude and a willingness to work. In turn, I/we will be prepared every day to help you enjoy and succeed in this class by introducing you to a variety of topics and giving you plenty of exposure to all areas of English. Listed below are five characteristics that I/we believe make up an excellent student. Learning the “ropes” is the quickest way to succeed in any of your classes.

**R**espect

**O**rganization

**P**articipation

**E**ffort/Enthusiasm

**S**elf-confidence

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**Our Class Expectations**

* RESPECT your peers, teachers, classroom, and yourself.
* Follow directions the first time they are given.
* Arrive to class on time every day.
* Come to class prepared with your books, supplies, and planner every day.
* Silently raise your hand and quietly wait to be called on in order to speak in class. Please do not call out or speak while others are speaking.
* Hand in all assignments on time, fully completed.
* Make all assignments 100% authentic.
* Try your best at all times.
* Challenge yourself to discover new things!

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**Our Class Procedures**

* Enter the room and go directly to your seat.
* Look at the board to find the “WALT” to see what we will be learning today.
* Begin the “Do Now” and prepare to discuss your answer.
* Pay attention to a teacher cue that signals it is time to begin.
* Stay seated until I dismiss you, not when the bell rings.

**Grading**

**Reading & Writing class grades will be determined as follows:**

* Tests/Projects/Essays - 45% of Final Marking Period Grade
* Quizzes/Shorter Writing Assignments- 35% of Final Marking Period Grade
* Classwork/Station Work- 10% of Final Marking Period Grade
* Homework- 10% of Final Marking Period Grade

**How to succeed**

Your marking period grade is a combination of grades- tests, quizzes, essays, group projects, individual projects, and homework. Therefore, you have many chances to succeed. Do your homework, participate in class, follow the rules, put forth your best effort, and have a positive attitude! ☺

**If a rule is broken, there will be consequences that must be carried out in order to maintain structure and discipline within the classroom.**

**Hierarchy of Consequences**

**1st Offense:** private, individual warning given

**2nd Offense:** spoken to after class

**3rd Offense:** phone call to parent/guardian

**4th Offense:** AM/PM detention

**5th Offense:** Referral to administration

**Good behavior does not go unnoticed! Throughout the year, you may receive:**

Verbal Praise

Positive notes or phone calls to parents/guardians

Subject-related games/ activities

Bonus points/Question Removal

Stickers

Prize from the “Treasure Box”

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**Being Absent**

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to collect the work you missed from the “While You Were Out” folder. A homework buddy will take notes on what you missed and gather any handouts for you. If you do not understand the material you missed, I will be happy to work with you before or after school to get you back on track. Also, you will have as many days as you were absent to make up your work; therefore, if you were absent one day, you will have one day to complete it.

\*This is subject to change based on marking period endings, type of assignment, or extreme adverse circumstances.

**When you return to school, follow these directions to find out what you missed:**

* During the Do Now, look in the “While You Were out Folder.”
* Look for any papers and/or worksheets with your name on it. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask me about them.
* If you missed a test or quiz, see me to schedule a make-up.

**Honesty and Authenticity Policy**

All work, both in class and homework, should be your own, original ideas, unless assigned as group collaboration. Copying, cheating, lying, and plagiarizing will lead to an automatic failure (“zero”) on the assignment.

* Plagiarism: Literary theft: to steal and attempt to use someone else’s words/thoughts as your own.

\*If you want to use someone else’s ideas in an assignment, you must quote them!

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**Bullying/Harassment**

The law prohibits any form of bullying whether you are in or out of school. This classroom is a safe-zone and we are here to protect and guide you. Please come to me immediately if you feel unsafe, upset, or are looking to help a friend in potential danger.

Always remember: *Treat others the way you want to be treated.*

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**Supplies**

In addition, it will be necessary to BE PREPARED for class by bringing all the materials listed below on a DAILY basis **(supplies that you need to obtain are in bold):**

* **One 1.5 inch binder**
* **FOUR Dividers for sections to be labeled:**
  + **Reading Skills**
  + **Writing Skills**
  + **Vocabulary**
  + **Grammar**
* **Reinforced Loose Leaf Paper**
* **One Plain folder to use as a Writing Folder (any color)**
* **One Marble Composition Notebook**
* **Four standard size packages of square post-it notes (any color- please only bring one pack at a time)**
* **Pens (Blue/Black) & Pencils**
* **One red pen**
* **One highlighter (any color)**
* **Ear buds/headphones in a plastic baggie labeled with your name and period.**
* OPTIONAL: a box of tissues to donate to the class, whiteout “tape”, and hand sanitizer

Your homework assignment is to bring this paper home and read it over with your parents. Provided below are blanks for both you and your parent/guardian to sign. This will indicate that both you and your parents/guardian are aware of what is expected of you and you accept the rules. Good luck and we are looking forward to a great year ahead!!! ☺

**We discussed and agreed to follow these policies! Let’s have a great year in 7th Grade! ☺**

Teacher Signature Student Signature Parent/Guardian Signature

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