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English 7

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Prep Period:

1st hour (8:05 - 8:55)

I can be available to **students**
at lunch or after school if
needed.

Writing is hard, but you are brave!

Curriculum



Our class will consist of the following tasks:

- Bell Work (.B.W.):** *Patterns of Power* (develops grammar and punctuation) by Jeff Anderson, Travis Leech, and Melinda Clark
- Free Write (F.W.):** silent, timed daily writing practice
- Genre Work:** Narrative (MP1), Argumentative (MP2), Research (MP3), Multigenre (MP4)
- Assessment(s):** “Best Draft” Essays and Writing Portfolio

Grades



- BellWork/Free Write 10 pts (weekly)
- Classwork 5-25pts (per task)
- Rough Draft Essay 25 pts
- Best Draft Essays 40 pts
- *Students will have the opportunity to resubmit all assignments EXCEPT “Best Draft” Essays



Progress can be checked via **Infinite Campus**. Checking grades is the students responsibility. Parents are also encouraged to check the **Parent Portal** on a weekly basis to view current grades and attendance for **EVERY** class.

Rules

- Be in your seat with materials when bell rings
- Follow directions quickly.
- Work **only** on English assignments during the class period.
- Raise your hand and wait until you are called upon to speak.
- No phones or other electronic devices without teacher permission.

Discipline

- ① Offense: Group or anonymous reminder about expected behavior.
- ② Offense: Quick word with Student(s)
- ③ Offense: Logical consequence (change of seat, loss of privilege, phone call home, restorative assignment).

Expectations

- Be mindful of classmates’ personal space and belongings.
- Be polite and **respectful** to everyone.
- Complete all of your work and turn it in on time.
- Make good choices.

***Referral to Administration:** used for repeated infractions and/or severe behavior problems.



Late Work Policy

✓ Once I check an assignment and upload the grade to Infinite campus, I will email students and parents stating that new scores have been added. Students will have a week after receiving my email to make up a missing assignment or redo and resubmit a low-scoring assignment. **After one week, that missing assignment will remain a zero. And students will NOT get another opportunity to resubmit.**

Restroom Policy

Students are allowed to use the restroom during class. However, we encourage students to not use the restroom during the first and last ten minutes of a class. Only one student is allowed out of class at a time and students are required to “sign-out” with teacher’s permission.

Absence Policy



It is the student’s responsibility to make up any work, during a period of absence!!!

- Unless previous arrangements have been made or the student has communicated with the teacher, all work that is to be electronically submitted must be turned in on time (The only exception would be work assigned and completed in class on the day of absence).
- If a student is experiencing a personal issue that prevents the student from completing an assignment on time, the student need(s) to contact the teacher as soon as possible to make alternate arrangements.

Plagiarism



Plagiarism is the practice of using or copying someone else’s idea or work and pretending you thought of it or created it.

In this class, plagiarism includes . . .

- ① turning in another’s **work** as one’s own.
- ② **copying any part** of another student’s work before class, during class, or while in another class.
- ③ copying an **author’s exact words** without **quotation marks** and/or **citation** and pretending they are one’s own. Note: author includes all writers of content that can be found on the Internet.

Students caught plagiarizing will be given a **ZERO** for the assignment and receive an administrative referral.



Chromebook

The **Chromebook** is a student’s lifeline to school. Chromebooks need to be fully charged and be brought to class daily. If a student experiences problems with their Chromebook or charger, the student need(s) to contact the tech desk for help and arrange to check out a loaner.



Movie Permission Slip

At various times throughout the year, we will be watching movies, either to supplement the curriculum or as a reward for positive behavior. I need parental permission to allow your student to watch movies of PG-13 nature (language and crude humor).

_____ Yes, I give my child permission to view PG13 videos in class

_____ No, I DO NOT give my child permission to view PG13 videos in class

Student Name(please print): _____

Parent Name(please print): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____