

8TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

Being in class is the best way for students to learn. It increases achievement and students are able to retain information. If a student has absences, prearranged or unexpected, the teacher website and agenda will help students make up their work with the district guidelines for absent work. Absent work can be found in the class bin.

Homework

When there is not assigned homework, any classwork that is not finished by the end of class becomes self-assigned homework. This is always due the next science day. Please refer to the weekly agendas to see what's going on in class. I do not penalize for late work, however, it must be turned in before the unit test to count for credit and a formative grade.

Quizzes and Tests

Quizzes are given more often than tests and both require independent study time.

Notes, class review, and study guides are provided and students are expected to use them to prepare for quizzes and tests outside of class. Students have the opportunity to re-take tests and quizzes if they complete corrections and make arrangements with me to re-take before or after school.

Citizenship Marks

Students are expected to come to class prepared to learn and participate. This includes writing utensils, textbooks (if needed), binders, chrome books, and completed homework. Unprepared students are not able to learn completely and it will lower their citizenship mark on their report card.

Mastery Learning is a practice that allows students who don't master content the first time around to have more practice so they can eventually master the information. All students don't learn at the same pace, so this allows for more students to reach a higher level of learning. Students will be encouraged to prove mastery of learning targets by completing formative assignments that include class and homework practice; while summative assignments consists of tests, quizzes, writing assignments, projects that show mastery of content. If mastery is not shown, re-takes will be encouraged to improve learning.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

for Success

Communication

MiStar

Students and parents are encouraged to check grades through the grading program MiStar. This is the main source of communication and weekly announcements will be sent home. Both grades and agendas are updated weekly.

Classroom Agendas

Each week students will receive an agenda that gives weekly classwork, homework, and assignment guidelines. These are also available on the website.

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Student Supplies

Student Supplies Needed

Composition Book (100 pages)

1.5" 3-ring binder

5 tabbed dividers

(Pencil Pouch with the following ...)

Pencils Colored Pencils

Adult Scissors Glue Sticks

Highlighter Any Color Pen

Tape Dispenser

Classroom Donations Appreciated

Kleenex

Antibacterial Wipes