

**West Middle School
English 7
Overview and Class Rules & Expectations**

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Supplies needed:



- 1 Composition Notebook**
- 1 Tab Divider for binder**
- Lined paper**
- Pens and/or pencils**

Other supplies may be needed throughout the year. Ample time to obtain these items (i.e. poster board, markers/crayons) will be given.

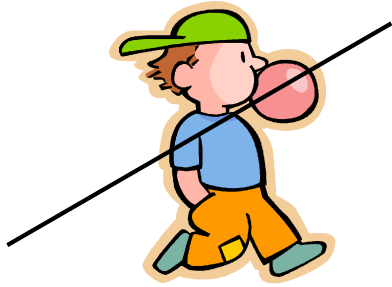
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Responsible	Respectful	Safe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 👤 Arrive on time 👤 Be prepared for class 👤 Participate and be on-task 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 👤 Talk at the appropriate time 👤 Allow others to work undisturbed 👤 Be an active listener 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 👤 Stay in your assigned area

Specific English 7 expectations will be shared during class.

Classroom Expectations:



1. When entering the classroom, you are to take your seat and work on the warm-up.
2. Be sure to write the day's homework and reminders on your agenda page provided by teachers to all students.
3. If you were absent, be sure to pick up your work from the designated crate when you return.
4. Time spent out of the classroom will be limited as most everything you need will be in the room already. Because restroom breaks are built into the schedule, restroom passes will be limited to emergencies.
5. In case of an emergency or emergency drill, you are to remain quiet and listen to and follow all directions given by adults.
6. If gum does not stay in your mouth (i.e. no smacking or bubbles) and/or off the desks, bookshelves, floor, etc., then this privilege will be removed.

Consequences to not following rules and expectations:

1. The "Look"- a quick non-verbal reminder to get on task or stop the disruptive behavior.
2. Proximity Control- teacher will pass by or hover in your general area as a reminder to get on task or stop the disruptive behavior.
3. Non-verbal cue- quick reminder to get on task, i.e. placing your pencil in front of you or pointing to our spot in the text
4. Reminder of Expectations- a quick whole-class reminder of rules and expectations
5. Verbal reminder directed at you. You may have to sit in the Out of Community Seat in my classroom or another teacher's classroom. Parents will be contacted.
6. Sent to the office on a Referral- Be advised if your behavior is totally unacceptable, you may find yourself directly at #6.

Library:



Students will be given the opportunity to check out books from the library at West. They may go to the library before school from 7:10-7:25 AM or go during designated times during English class.

The books on the bookshelves in the classroom are the personal property of your teacher. Students are allowed to check them out. Please take excellent care of the books you borrow.

General Housekeeping:

Although you may use either pen or pencil in this class, please refrain from using red pen or hard to read colors, such as fluorescent orange or yellow. If you need a pen or pencil, please ask a classmate. If you need to sharpen your pencil, get up and sharpen it at an appropriate time (not while someone is talking!).

Other supplies are available in designated spots. Use these supplies as needed, but please return them when you are finished as your teacher purchased them herself.

Class will not be dismissed until the room looks like it is in the same condition as when you arrived.

Independent Reading Book:

One requirement of English 7 is that you are always reading an independent reading book! Please have an independent reading book with you **every day** when you come to class so that you do not waste time by having to go through the books on the shelf when you need something to read (unless you have just finished reading a book).

Grading Breakdown:

All grades will be computed by total points in e-school.

Late Work:

Late work will result in student calling home to let parent know the assignment was not completed. IF the assignment is not completed and turned in the next day, student will be asked to stay after school until the assignment is completed and turned in. Late assignments will be accepted until the end of the unit. **The goal is that every student complete and turn in work on time.**

Overview:

During the course of the school year, classes will examine and study objectives that fall under the following strands: reading, writing, speaking & listening, and language.

Assessments:

Students will also be taking some district assessments, including: STAR (an assessment evaluating reading level), common district interim assessments, and the state assessments.

Online Resource:

Students and parents will be able to access class handouts, assignments, and a list of daily work on Schoology. There is a link to Schoology on the West Middle School website.

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Dear Ms. Schuster,

I have read the Overview and Class Rules & Expectations for English 7 with my son/daughter _____. He/she understands what is expected of him/her. I am also aware that if he/she or I ever have any questions, you are available to talk to one or both of us by appointment or via e-mail.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Phone Number for Contact, if/when needed

Best email address to use: _____

Child's Name

Child's Signature

Additional Comments:

*** I have worked to create a personal library for students to use and enjoy. With that being said, I have not read every book in my class library, and know every book may not be suitable for every student. I will speak to the students about choosing books that they will enjoy and that are acceptable by their parents. If at any time, you want me to monitor what your child is reading, please let me know. Also, feel free to contact me at any time about any reading material your child brings home that you find inappropriate and I will help he/she choose a different book.**