

# 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS



## Course Description

Welcome to 7<sup>th</sup> grade LA. Our goal for the year is to learn to read and think as writers, to look at texts through a writer's eye. We will be reading and writing poetry, narratives, informational, and argumentative texts. You will have the opportunity to read engaging, thought-provoking texts and novels you won't want to put down.

By examining these exemplary texts, you will build your skills as a writer and be able to communicate your ideas effectively. We will also spend time building your vocabulary and technology skills. Discussion, both speaking and listening, as well as working in collaboration with others will play a large role in class and help to prepare you for the college and career world. I look forward to spending the year learning with you!

## Homework

Homework is given as an extension of the classroom. It will not be given every night. It is however, the expectation that students are reading their choice novel each night.

If students are given homework, it is due to an assignment not being completed in its entirety during class time.

Homework assignments may include, but are not limited to:

- Independent reading
- Drafting, revising, and writing polished pieces of writing
- Vocabulary activities
- Responding to blog posts or writing prompts
- Completing their individualized learning pathways

## CLASS EXPECTATIONS



Follow directions the first time they are given.



Respect yourself and others.



Come prepared and ready to learn



Always do your best



Stay positive!  
We are always growing.

*All school rules also apply.*

## Classroom Policies, Procedures, & Grading

**Entering Class:** Gather any necessary materials, quickly find your seat, and begin working on the warm-up posted on the board. This is a timed five-minute activity.

**Bathroom Usage:** Schoolwide policy states students may not leave class in the first or last ten minutes. A schedule is posted in the classroom. You must have a hall pass. When given permission, you will sign out and sign back in when you return.

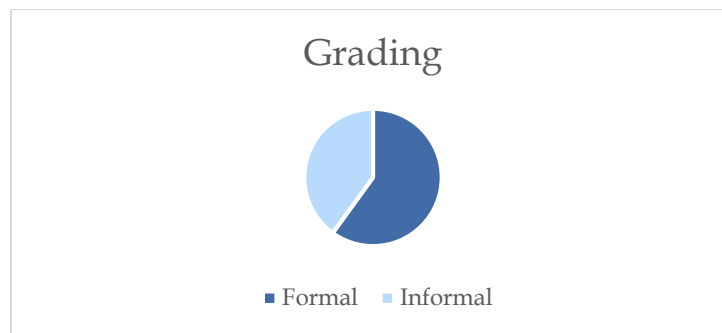
**Food & Electronic Devices:** Food and drink are not permitted outside of the cafeteria for sanitary reasons. Electronics should not be seen or heard in the classroom. Cellphones are not to be seen between 8:45-3:45.

**Exiting Class:** The teacher, not the bell, dismisses you upon completion of these tasks. Please make sure that you begin packing your things up immediately when you are given permission.

**Absences:** If you are absent, it is your responsibility to make up missed assignments. See the absent bin for the day you were absent in order to get any missed work.

**Grading: Formal Grades- 50%-** Tests, Pathways, Projects, Papers, Quizzes, Literature Circles, etc.

**Informal Grades- 50%-** Exit Tickets, Homework, Close reads, classwork, etc.



### YOU WILL NEED:

- A composition book & binder to keep in the classroom
- Writing utensils (pens or pencils)
- A binder or folder to keep returned paper or papers to complete.
- Earbuds
- A set of colored highlighters

## Positive & Negative Consequences

Meeting classroom expectations and behaving appropriately in class helps to create a learning environment where you and your classmates feel welcome, safe, and respected.

If you choose to meet the classroom expectations, you will receive a **positive consequence**, such as praise from teacher, classmates, administration, points on red critter that can be used to purchase items at the school store, a positive note or phone call home.

If you choose not to meet the classroom expectations, you will receive a **negative consequence**, such as a verbal warning, a change of seat, a student/teacher conference, a phone call home, a detention, a parent/guardian meeting, and for severe infractions of school rules, suspension.