

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Syllabus**  
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## **Classroom Expectations and Procedures**

### **Behavior Expectations:**

- Enter the classroom in an appropriate manner:
- Sit in your assigned seat
- Get out your materials (always have them with you)
- Begin working on bell work

### **Ms. Maurer's Classroom Management and Discipline**

The focus of my class is respect: respect for self and respect for others are key.  
In my class students have rights and are expected to meet and uphold others rights.

#### **Students Rights**

I have a right to ask questions and make comments without fear of ridicule

*This means that students are expected to respect others rights by not making fun of others or name-calling.*

I have a right to ask for help

*This means that students are expected to ask for help when needed.*

I have a right to learn/teach in a quiet, worry-free environment.

*This means that students are expected to only talk at appropriate times, stay in my seat and not interfere in others right to work or learn.*

I have a right to know what is expected of me before I complete an assignment

*This means that students are expected to listen to and follow all directions the first time and ask for clarification if needed.*

I have a right to take care of needs to complete my assignments.

*This means that students are expected to be responsible in their actions. This also means that all students are expected to come to class prepared.*

I have a right to be respected.

*This means that students must respect and treat all people and their belongings the way they want their things and self to be treated. I.e. Students will keep their hands, feet and objects to themselves.*

I have a right to earn good grades and improve.

*This means that students are expected to complete and turn in assignments within the time frame given.*

Students who choose to deny the right to someone else will receive the following consequence/s:

Step 1 Warning

Step 2 Time-out in another classroom

Step 3 Phone call home

Step 4 Office Referral

### **Classroom Routines**

- When you enter the room, go immediately to your seat. If you need to, sharpen your pencil and then copy the agenda.
- Bell work will be on the board when you come to class. Please begin working on bell work immediately.
- Daily time will then be given for announcements, any questions, and answers
- Homework will be reviewed and collected
- Instruction will take place
- Activity, Independent Practice, Class work
- Homework assigned

### **Classroom Requirements (Please have these items with you EVERY day)**

Pencils and Pens (black)	Paper	ELA Notebook (3 subject notebook recommended)
Classwork/Homework Agenda	Ear buds	Flash Drive

### **Policies and Procedures**

#### **Food and Drink**

***Food will not be allowed to be eaten in class.***

**\*\*\*Water is allowed for all students in a clear container/bottle ONLY.**

## Nurse/Restroom Procedure

- ❖ Ask Permission
- ❖ Sign out on the sign-out sheet near the door
- ❖ Take Your Pass with you

## Bell work

Bell work will be on the board daily. Label and complete Bell work **every** day as soon as you enter the classroom. Bell work will be graded.

## Class work                      **All assignments must have a title.**

Clip fringed edges off of notebook paper BEFORE coming to class

No name (on paper) = no credit (points)

**Always** put the following heading on assignments:

Name: Last AND First

Date:

Class Block

## Homework

Students will have homework nightly. Students will be expected to read nightly.

Homework will be reviewed and collected at the beginning of class the day it is due.

Late homework will be accepted according to the late work policy below.

## Absences:

You have the number of days you are absent plus one to turn in your absent work according to district policy

It is your responsibility to get your absent work and you will not be reminded!

\*If you do not retake tests or quizzes or do not turn in an assignment or project you will not get credit for your work until you do so.

## Tests/Quizzes/Projects

Tests and Quizzes

There is a test on every unit covered in class (including our weekly vocabulary tests)

Quizzes are given randomly

Talking during a test or quiz will result in a zero

## Projects/ Book Reports

In Seventh grade Language Arts, your child will complete a book report approximately every four-five weeks. Your child will be provided with the instructions complete with a rubric for each book report. Please review these with your child when they come home.

- ✓ Review assignment sheets as you work on a project so that you meet all project requirements.
- ✓ Projects are due on the assigned due date
- ✓ YOU are responsible for your own work.
- ✓ Late Project Penalties: 1 Day= 10% off, 2 Days= 15% off, 3 or more Days= 20% off

## Classroom Procedures

- Returned homework will be marked to show record in my grade book
- Keep all marked work in your folder, lost copies may result in zero credit
- Absent work must be handed to me directly within the time frame given above
- In your agenda you must copy assignments **every** day.

## Grades

Grades are given based on points earned. This is the NEW district grading scale.

A (4.0) = 90-100%

B (3.0) = 80-89%

C (2.0) = 70-79%

D (1.0) = 60-69%

F=59% and below