

8<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts  
2016-2017 School Year

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Eighth Grade English! I am excited to begin what I hope will be both a challenging and rewarding academic year. Below, I have outlined basic necessities to make the year successful. Please read and sign below. Supplies will be needed by the end of the week.

Respectfully,  
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**I. Yearlong Supplies:**

1. 1 College Ruled Spiral Notebook of 100 pages (or more but not less!)
2. 1 Folder to contain daily papers
3. 1 Yearlong Supply of Pens (Black/Blue and Red Correcting Pen)
4. 1 Yearlong Supply of Loose-leaf Paper for all assignments. Fresh paper supply will be kept in Student's Portfolio Binder to be kept in class.
5. 1 Binder of 2.0 inches or larger with clear plastic cover for Name Plate.
6. 5 Tabbed Dividers to label portfolio sections

**II. Grade Breakdown:**

60%-Tests and Essays

30%-Assignments and Projects

10%-Participation-Daily organization and Behavior

**III. Daily Schedule:**

1. Students enter class and read silently for 10 minutes.
2. Homework Checked and Corrected.
3. Class Notes written into Spiral Notebook:
  - a. Daily Warm Up
  - b. Vocabulary
  - c. Literary Device
  - d. Important Quote
  - e. Grammar Note
4. Daily Activity (Reading Aloud, Textual Analysis, Response Writing, Class Discussion and Questions, Grammar Lesson)
5. Homework Assigned.

**IV. Class Rules:**

1. Arrive to Class on time.
2. Sit in assigned seat.
3. Raise hand to participate.
4. Listen respectfully to others.
5. Have a positive attitude each day.
6. An excused absence must accompany late work.

Student Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_