

Castle Park Middle School
Course Syllabus
English 7 and 8

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Room		E-mail	

Course description: In English 7 and 8, students will be able to annotate texts for a variety of purposes, create summaries, create and analyze arguments, use and reference the words of others, research a variety of topics, and use academic language.

Texts and Materials: English 7 and 8 uses the *HOLT Literature and Language Arts* textbook and supplemental literary and informational texts. Students will also utilize iPads for both classwork and homework. Students should bring the following materials to each class period:

- Pencils and pens (at least two of each)
- Highlighter
- Notebook paper
- A three ring binder organized with all class materials
- Fully-charged iPad
- Independent reading book

Discourse Standards: Students will be able to master academic language through activities where they will read, write, speak and listen.

Citizenship Expectations (Class rules):

- Be in your seat and ready to work when the bell rings.
- Respect one another.
- Follow all school rules.
- Bring all materials to class each day.
- Listen to instructions and follow directions.
- Always speak with “inside” voice.
- Remain seated until dismissed by the teacher.

iPad Etiquette

- Bring fully-charged iPad to class each day.
- Take out iPad only under teacher direction.
- iPads must be used only for academic English purposes.
- Earbuds must be stored during class.

Homework policy: Parents and students should expect homework each day. Wordly Wise vocabulary packets, Achieve 3000 articles, and independent reading are just some examples of ongoing assignments that students should spend time on daily. If homework is not completed and submitted on time, AEC may be assigned. The homework also accounts for a part of the student's grade.

Assessments: Assessments (tests) are given regularly to judge the student's progress and understanding of the course standards. Reteach may be assigned when it has been determined that a student has not mastered required standards.

Grading policy: Students are given points for all assignments turned in. 60% of the grade is based on summative assessments which include tests, essays, and projects; 20% is homework and class assignments; 10% is Achieve 3000; 10% is the final exam. The scholarship grade is calculated using the following scale:

90-100%	A	Excellent
79 - 89%	B	Above average
66 - 78%	C	Average
Below 66%	F	Fail (0 credit for promotion)

Late assignments (including those completed in AEC) cannot earn higher than a "C" grade. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the teacher. Students are responsible for making up assignments during absences. Students and parents should regularly log in to Jupiter Grades to monitor progress.

The citizenship grade is based on behavior, effort, participation, punctuality, and attendance.

Academic Honesty: You are expected to commit your learning to exploration and personal growth. You are expected to take responsibility for your learning by completing your own work and doing your own thinking. Plagiarized work or a demonstration of cheating will result in an automatic failure on the assignment; you second offense will result in a parent conference. These consequences apply to both parties, both the "cheater" and the "supplier." Please realize the seriousness of these actions and understand their consequences. Respect you peers and yourself by taking responsibility for your own learning.

----- Please sign, detach and return to teacher by the due date. -----

I have read and understand the classroom guidelines and procedures and I agree to comply with all policies and regulations of English 7/8.

Student's Name (please print):

Parent's Name (please print):

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____