



# Middle School English/ Language Arts

Mrs. Sours

2015-2016

## Course Description:

This course is designed to teach composition, grammar, punctuation, and a knowledge base of literature. Students will be required to analyze poetry and other literature, to write essays and outside reading for selected novels.

## Starting Class:

There will be NO Locker Return and no bathroom time, so take care of your personal needs before you enter.

YOU start the class—not the teacher! And you need to get started right away!.

1. Put homework in appropriate bin
2. Read objectives and agenda to see what you will be working on that day
3. Complete the “Bell Ringer” activity on the board
4. Study your vocabulary words
5. Be in your assigned seat AT THE BELL.

## Required Text and Supplies:

- Text book: Prentice Hall Literature
- Workbook COMMON CORE
- Composition Spiral Notebook
- Homework Planner

## Behavior and Expectations:

1. Respect Yourself, the teacher and others
2. No offensive language or put downs
3. Put forth your best effort at all times
4. Be prepared for class each day
5. Follow directions when given
6. Pay attention, ask questions, participate, sit up
7. Preserve a positive learning environment
8. Take responsibility for your actions

### **RULES:**

- Turn in cell phones to basket
- No food or drink
- Arrive on time and ready to learn
- The teacher dismisses the class and will return cell phones
- Do not cheat, plagiarize, or copy work
- Use polite and appropriate language
- Do your best work & turn it in on time

Grading Policy:

Daily grades—80%  
Test/Quizzes—20%

ALL ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE COMPLETED. .

Lunch or before school time will be required with Mrs. Sours to get the work done. A zero is not an option.

A student will be given 60% of their late work if it is turned in within ONE WEEK from the original date.

After the on-week-late-date, the student will meet with the PLC team and parents will attend also.

Grading Scale:  
A = 90-100 Excellent  
B = 80-89 Above Average  
C = 70-79 Average  
D = 60-69 Passing  
F = 59 and below Failing  
Students with an average of 69% or below will need to meet with me and work to bring that grade up to at least a "C"!

Absent Policy & Makeup Work:  
▪ Students are given one day for each day absent to make up missed work due to excused absences; however, it is the responsibility of the student to ask teachers for missed assignments upon their return to school AND for getting all work turned in during the time allotted.  
▪ Pre-assigned work is not considered as make up work and is due on the designated date (Student Handbook, 10)

Homework: Each night student should be STUDYING for the spelling test and vocabulary tests given each Thursday.

Pretest for Spelling is on Wednesday, and 100% excludes student from taking the test on Thursday.

Teacher contact information:

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