

English 7 - Mrs. Parillo

2021/2022

Course Description: In this course, students will develop their language skills and study a variety of literature focusing on reading, writing, speaking, and listening in accordance with the CA Common Core Standards. To prepare students for the 21st century, we will incorporate technology, with an emphasis on the 5C's (communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity & character/kindness).

Educational Materials: Students **should** have the following materials in class **every day**:

- ✓ Binder Reminder (BR) or a daily planner.
- ✓ One folder section designated for English ONLY
- ✓ Composition book
- ✓ Ink pens: blue or black (for writing)
- ✓ Pencils and colored pencils
- ✓ Highlighters (multiple colors)
- ✓ Lined paper (college ruled)
- ✓ 100 3X5 index cards (not needed until second semester)
- ✓ **SSR** book for daily independent reading

Technology Policy: Students will be assigned a Chromebook computer to use throughout the year. It will be for use in class only, and is not to be removed from the classroom. Computers are not to be used for personal business, entertainment, or any other purpose that is not relevant to class assignments. Misconduct in use will result in disciplinary action, and students are responsible for repair or replacement if their Chromebook computer is damaged.

Homework Policy: Homework will be assigned throughout the week, and is designed to reinforce the current unit of study. Unfinished classwork becomes homework, and students will also be required to read independently for 20 minutes per night.

Late Work Policy: It is important to teach students responsibility by encouraging them to turn in their work on time. For this reason, only work that is submitted when it is due will receive full credit. Late work will be accepted for up to **one week** after the assignment due date, but it will only receive **half credit**. Beyond one week, **no credit** will be given.

PLEASE NOTE: Students with a verified absence are allowed to make up assignments for full credit. **It is the student's responsibility to request, complete, and submit any missed assignments!!! Students have the number of days for makeup that is equal to the number of days that they were absent, and missed tests should be taken within one week.**

Grading: Student grades will be earned based on classwork/homework, quizzes/tests, performance tasks/projects. The following scale will apply:

A 90-100%

B 80-89%

C 70-79%

D 60-69%

F 59%-below

Students should check Aeries regularly to verify their current grade, and if there are any questions or concerns, they should see me as soon as possible. **These things cannot be resolved via email, so students are expected to see me personally.**

Student Expectations:

- ❖ Show respect at all times.
- ❖ Behavior that disrupts the learning environment will not be tolerated.
- ❖ Be on time and in your assigned seat unless otherwise instructed.
- ❖ Come to class prepared, and ready to learn.
- ❖ Pay attention and follow directions.
- ❖ No eating, drinking, gum chewing, or grooming in class.
- ❖ Follow all classroom policies and all school rules.
- ❖ Accept responsibility for your own learning.
- ❖ Have a fun and positive year!

Students who act in accordance with the expected standards for behavior will be eligible for class rewards, as well as School wide PBIS's and recognition.

Failure to comply with expectations will result in parent contact, teacher imposed interventions/consequences, and enforcement of Lexington's progressive discipline policy. (Read student planner for more details.)

Parent Note: In an effort to foster **responsibility and independence**, and to strengthen each child's **communication and problem solving skills**, I request that **students see me directly with questions or problems**. It is also generally the fastest way to address issues, and find a resolution. For this reason, I ask that you please encourage your student to speak with me directly **before initiating contact with me**. However, if necessary, you are welcome to contact me. I am able to respond more quickly to emails at parillo_r@auhsd.us. I can also be reached by phone at 714-220-4201, but please be advised that I can only make/take phone calls during my conference period, and parent/teacher conferences can be scheduled before school.

Thank you in advance for supporting the education of your child. I look forward to a fantastic year working with you and your student!

Best Regards,

Mrs. Rachel Parillo

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IMPORTANT NOTE:

This contract was provided to each student with the expectation that it would be reviewed with a parent/guardian. Receipt of this curriculum letter means that my parents and I (the student) have read, understand, and agree to the terms of this contract. It is our responsibility to contact the teacher if we have any further questions.