**8TH GRADE ELA SYLLABUS**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

All teachers can be contacted via the school website. Each teacher is listed alphabetically under the staff website section. Each website has a direct link to their email.

**ASSIGNMENTS**

All assignments will be accessed and completed in Schoology (pronounced Skool-uh-gee). There will be a parent view which will allow parents to view their student’s work and any upcoming or missed assignments.

**RECOMMENDED ROUTINE**

In Schoology:

* + Check due dates
  + Check for past due assignments (ideally, there should be none)
  + Click on current nine weeks folder/click current weekly folder to get assignments for each day

**INDEPENDENT DAILY READING (IDR)**

Each student will be responsible for reading their own choice of book for 20 minutes each day. This will be completed after bell work. The first nine weeks IDR will be focused on FICTION standards, so the choice of book needs to be fiction.

Choices will include: E-books from LMS, online books from the public library, personal Kindle books, personal hard copy, or hard copy from the library. \*\*Guidelines will be provided by school librarian on checking out hard copies\*\*

NO books or devices will be shared!

**GRADING**

Tests 40%

Classwork/Quizzes 35%

Homework 15%

9 weeks exam 10%

**TESTS**

Tests given will be a combination of periodic district benchmarks and teacher-given formative and summative assessments. The majority of these will be given online.

**LATE WORK**

All work is due on the due date to be given full credit. If an assignment is late, 10 points will be deducted for each day it is past due. After 5 calendar days, the assignment may still be turned in for a grade of no higher than a 50 (based on completion.) All assignments and due dates will be in Schoology.

**ACADEMIC DISCUSSIONS**

Online discussions will be utilized this year with Schoology. With that in mind, there are online etiquette rules that need to be followed. These include, but are not limited to:

* + Be respectful
  + Stay on topic
  + Participation is mandatory – these discussions will be graded periodically
  + No bullying or condescending remarks
  + No inappropriate pictures

**BINDER SETUP**

Your binder will need to have FIVE dividers. These will be labeled as follows:

* + Bellwork
  + IDR (Track Your Thinking)
  + Fiction
  + Informational
  + Writing

**REMEMBER!** This is a new platform for all of us (teachers and students). We will use Schoology every day, and the more we use it, the more we will learn about it. We can and will RISE UP to this challenge.