MRS. SEGLER’S 7th grade ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 2019-2020 lsegler@mcpss.com

**COURSE DESCRIPTION** : English Language Arts is the study of skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Students will develop comprehension and communication skills. Students will develop reading strategies that they will be required to apply during independent and classroom reading. Students will use the writing process to communicate effectively and efficiently.

**GRADING SCALE:** A=100-90% B=89-80% C=79-70% E=69% & below Assessments and projects are considered “Major Grades” and make up 60% of student average. Quizzes and classwork are “Minor Grades” and make up 30%. Homework and Bell-ringers make up 10%

**UNIFORM POLICY:** Students must remain in uniform at all times in accordance with the current Denton Magnet uniform code. Failure to be in uniform will result in parent contact and/or and office referral.

**RETEACH/RETEST POLICY:**  Students scoring below 60% on a “Major Grade” test can be retested (only one time). The original grade will be replaced by the retest grade but retest grade **will not** exceed 70%. EQTs will not be retested.

**PROJECTS:**  Most student projects will be in a digital format. They are required to be emailed to me (at the address above) by the due date assigned. Late projects are not accepted unless accompanied by a doctor’s excuse.

**MAKE-UP WORK:** It is the student’s responsibility to check Padlet for daily assignments. 3 days is the maximum amount of time allowed to complete missed assignments with an excused absence. Non-excused absences may result in a zero for the day.

**EXTRA CREDIT:** **No extra credit is available for this class.** However, if a student needs additional help, please be sure to schedule a time to meet with me. I am here to help my students succeed. Tutoring and Homework help programs are available at school.

**SUPPLIES:** Students must be prepared for class. Students should bring a BLUE one inch, 3 ring binder, a device (laptop or tablet is best), charger, earbuds, pen and paper to every class, EVERY DAY. Other suggested supplies include: Pencil sharpener & color pencils or markers.

**BYOD:** Denton Magnet School is a Bring Your Own Device school. This means that technology will be implemented in the classroom during delivery of instruction, group work, independent work, and homework. Students should bring a wifi-enabled device to each class. **Students are not allowed to use devices until specifically prompted by the classroom teacher.** Devices should remain in the off or silent position unless being used for classroom instruction.

**CLASSROOM RULES:**  -Stay seated until specifically prompted by teacher to move (Students are to go to the restroom between classes. Once class has begun, students will not be excused except in case of emergency. ) -Students will be prepared for class (bring materials and a willingness to learn). -Students will respect the teacher, their classmates, classroom, & supplies.

**CONSEQUENCES:** -Verbal warning -Student/teacher conference -Parent phone call -Referral to office (this may be the 1st and only consequence, depending on the infraction)

**HOMEWORK:** Homework will take many forms and is designed to help with student understanding of the current objectives being studied. Homework will typically be in the form of finishing work not completed in class, or gaining background knowledge for the next class/objective.

Computer access and an internet connection will be **required** to complete some homework assignments. Not having access to internet is not a valid excuse for incomplete work. If access is not available, please discuss other arrangements with me as soon as possible.

**ZERO TOLERANCE Plagiarism Policy**

Quoting a direct source without citation is plagiarism. (In other words, if a student uses the work of someone else without crediting the source, it is a HUGE No-No)

**Suspected plagiarism will be investigated and if confirmed WILL result in a zero for the assignment.**

**REMIND 101**

Our class is set up on Remind. Remind is a messaging system that I can use to communicate with students and parents via text. All parents and students are expected to join in order to receive updates and reminders for our class. Standard text message rates may apply.

 **To join: text \_\_\_@segler20\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_81010\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 Your phone number will not be displayed to anyone. Personal phone numbers are never shared.

**Padlet**

Weekly work can be found on my padlet page. An internet connection is required to access and view assignments.