7th Grade Advanced English Syllabus

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Dear Parents and Student,

Welcome to 7th grade advanced English at Prattville Junior High School! I am excited to have you join the Cat family, and I look forward to getting to know each of you. Being in an advanced class is an honor; however, with this honor comes more independent work and a heavier work load. I’m pleased to have you in my class, but I do have high expectations and will require much more out of you. I have no doubt you are up to the task and willing to give your all to be successful in this rigorous environment. I commit to you that I will do my best to make our classroom environment one that motivates and enriches your child to make huge learning gains.

Seventh grade English will cover many things throughout the course of the year. We will cover grammar, literature, vocabulary, and writing. Within each of those areas we will go into more depth on topics such as textual analysis, spelling and word usage, the 8 parts of speech, sentence structure, proper formatting and documentation. I have some exciting lessons planned for the school year that will require hands on learning and creativity. We will complete various activities, projects, papers, and in class work to help students master concepts and strategies that the English language demands. I looks forward to helping your child understand the importance of being able to express themselves well through writing and learning how to succeed. Each child is unique and it is my privilege to get to know everyone so that I can best teach to their specific learning style.

Materials:

* Composition notebook – 100 pages Wide Ruled
* **Three pronged** folder for handouts (must be three pronged)
* Literature textbook\*
* Pens or a sharpened pencil
* Art Supplies (colored pencils, scissors, glue)
* Loose leaf paper (I will not accept anything ripped from a spiral notebook)
* $10 workbook fee

\*Each student will be assigned a textbook which will be their responsibility for the school year.

Grading:

Tests, Composition Assignments, Projects 60%

Quizzes, Classwork 30%

Homework 10%

Grading Scale:

1. 90-100% D- 60-69%
2. 80-89% F- 59% and below
3. 70-79%

Missing Assignments:

Any student who is absent or does not turn in an assignment will receive a ZERO on the due date in INOW. Any zero will be replaced when the student has had the absence excused AND turns in the assignment; however, I will not accept an assignment more than 2 weeks late. Tests must be made up in class the day you return to school. Students can find make-up work in dated file folders at the front of the classroom in the make-up work crate.

\*I reserve the right to make changes due to extenuating circumstances and these will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Class Rules:

* Be in your assigned seat and working on bell work when the tardy bell rings
* Be prepared to do your job so I can do mine (this is a general rule that can be applied to life, too).
* Treat everyone the way you wish to be treated. Be Nice! (rudeness and disrespect will not be tolerated)
* Follow all procedures and policies outlined in the PJHS handbook.

Consequences:

* 1st Offense- Warning
* 2nd Offense- Break Detention
* 3rd Offense-Parent Contact and Break Detention
* 4th Offense- Office Referral

Severe Clause:

I reserve the right to bypass all noted consequences in cases of extreme conduct. Any student who uses profanity, threatens another student or teacher, fights, damages school property, or breaks any other rules clearly defined in the school of conduct, can and will be sent to the office immediately.

We will be using a grammar workbook. Every English teacher will be using this and it is required for every student. Please send $10 with your child to pay for these workbooks.

The best way to communicate with me throughout the school year is by e-mail. My e-mail address is Katie.Lindgren@acboe.net. I will try to respond to each e-mail by the end of the school day or shortly after. If you would like to schedule a conference, you may do so by contacting me through e-mail or by calling the PJHS front office.

I will by utilizing Remind this year. Remind is essentially a one-way group text; you join my group by texting @8999f4 to 81010. You and/or your student may join the Remind group, and it will only send out reminders about upcoming due dates for the class. Messages will be sent during business hours only, Monday through Friday. Phone numbers are confidential, and no other group member will be able to access your information or respond to the text.

Attached to this handout you will find a signature page that needs to be signed by the student and parent. Please review this together and return it to me by NEXT FRIDAY AUGUST 18, 2017. Thank you for your cooperation and support! This is going to be a great year.

Sincerely,

Katie Lindgren

\*I reserve the right to change or modify this syllabus at any time throughout the school year.

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| Phone Number:  .  Phone Number:  . | Birthday:  . |
| Other Information:  .  .  . | |

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Parent Contact Information