7th Grade Applied ELA Syllabus

Schimelpfenig Middle School

## Teacher Information

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## Welcome!

This year, students will learn to apply their understandings of reading and writing processes to a variety of genres including poetry, drama, fiction, informational, and argumentative. Students will study both classic and contemporary texts with an emphasis on author’s purpose and message. The use of the Writer’s Notebook, the synthesis and presentation of ideas, and frequent opportunities for teamwork and collaboration are also key components of this course.

## Course Overview

* Unit I: Communicating Thoughts
* Unit II: Informing an Audience
* Unit III: Justifying an Idea
* Unit IV: Creating Experiences

## Grading

Parents can access their child’s grades online through mypisd.net.

* **60% Major Grades**
  + Quizzes, tests, projects, papers
* **40% Daily Grades** 
  + Daily work

## Materials

* 3 Subject Notebook

## Homework Policy

Homework assignments will be expected to be turned in the day they are due (taking into account student specific accommodations), and will lose 5 points from their overall score each day they are late down to a minimum of 0%.

## Restroom Policy

Students should use the restroom before school, after school, at lunch time, and between classes (3 minute switch times). Using the restroom during instruction is discouraged as students may miss important information.

## Absences

When a student is absent they should contact me for missed assignments and complete them in accordance with school policy: one day make-up for each day absent. If you anticipate an extended absence, please notify me in advance so assignments can be provided prior to the absence.

## Behavior Management Plan

1. Warning
2. Student-Teacher Conference
3. Parent Contact
4. Parent/Teacher/Student Conference
5. Referral to Administrator

## Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences are available upon request.

**Parent Signature** x\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_