

2022 – 2023

Grade 7 & 8

# Welcome to ELA!

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There are some important things you will need to know for class this year. Please read over this information with your parent/caregiver at home, and sign and return the slip by *Monday, September 12*, for a 100% quiz grade.

## Junior High School v. Elementary School

As a junior high team, we aim to help students develop independent thinking skills and understand accountability. Please use your school agenda to track homework and assignments. Please use your designated homework folder to ensure work that goes home returns safely to school to be turned in on time. If you need help transitioning to the rigor and expectations of junior high, please ask! Our goal is your success, and we will be happy to assist with time management and study skills & strategies. There is a lot of cross-curricular content in our ELA course, which offers excellent opportunities for you to contribute what you know and have learned in your other classes!

## Coursework

- Students and parents should use Infinite Campus and Parent Portal to track grades as they are entered.
- Students are required to complete assigned work when it is due for understanding of themes & texts.
- Group work is essential. When working in pairs or groups (whether assigned or student-chosen) all students are to be engaged in effective, appropriate discussion, and working *together* on the required task.
- Students are responsible for inquiring about missed work when absent; assignments will be made up accordingly.
- Most of your test and quiz grades come from writing assignments. Revisions and editing are required for quality work. Failure to complete written assignments according to expectations will result in a poor assessment average.
- We will complete one module over the course of each 10-week marking period. For a total of FOUR

**Module One:** *Finding Home: Literary texts*

**Module Two:** *Working with Evidence: Literary texts*

**Module Three:** *African American History: Memoir*

**Module Four:** *Author's Purpose: Informational texts*

## ELA Grading Policy 2022-2023

<b>Classwork</b>	<b>40 %</b>
<b>Homework</b>	<b>15 %</b>
<b>Assessments</b>	<b>45 %</b>
<i>Quizzes &amp; Minor Writing Assignments</i>	<i>25 %</i>
<i>Tests &amp; Major Writing Assignments</i>	<i>20 %</i>

## Materials

- pens and/or sharpened pencils
- looseleaf paper (to be replenished throughout the year)
- ELA folder: There will be a mix of online and hard copies of materials this year. You will need one sturdy folder where you keep your reading & writing assignments. *You are responsible for bringing the folder to class every day.*
- laptop (Technology: We will be using laptops & *Schoology* for many of our assignments.) When we are using technology, you must use the class time as directed. As per BPS district rules, no cell phone use.
- homework folder / agenda
- earphones (necessary for self-paced district programming)

## Independent Book Reviews

Students are expected to read independently throughout the school year. You are responsible for completing an online book review for the book you read. These books are your choice, not curriculum reading. The book review folder will be published in Schoology and students are expected to meet deadlines and task requirements, without exception. Besides reading at home, there is study hall and AIS time available in your school schedule.

### **\*\*Book Review due dates:**

- Book Review 1 - October 11<sup>th</sup>
- Book Review 2 - November 21<sup>st</sup>
- Book Review 3 - January 9<sup>th</sup>
- Book Review 4 - February 27<sup>th</sup>
- Book Review 5 - April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Book Review 6 - May 22<sup>nd</sup>

## General Expectations

All students are expected to follow the district-issued Code of Conduct. *Always remember:*

- \* Treat others with respect- this includes all classmates and adults.
- \* Be patient. Remain seated and raise your hand if you have a question or need assistance.
- \* Respect personal space and property. This room is a shared space for several teachers and classes; if you do not have permission to use something, please don't.

Parents/Caregivers & Students, please keep this sheet for your own reference and return only the second page after reading and reviewing the 2022-23 ELA course information together. Please include any questions or concerns in the space provided and sign as receipt of information.

This sheet is due back by *Monday, September 12, 2022*, for a quiz grade of 100%. **THANK YOU!**

*Mrs. Waddington*