**8th Grade English Class**

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**CLASSROOM RULES**

**What are the classroom rules?**

In this classroom, there are three basic rules. You are expected to come to class prepared, to respect all property, and to be respectful while anyone is speaking or working. Additionally, all school rules will be followed.

**CLASSROOM PROCEDURES**

**What should I bring to class?**

Each day, you will need to bring your textbook or your novel, a notebook or binder for note taking/assignments, a pen or a pencil, something to read (other than a catalog), and any work due for class. Please bring these items, because after the bell rings, you will receive an ICE point if you need to return to your locker.

**What are ICE points?**

ICE stands for “**I** **C**ame **E**mpty-handed.” Each time you forget an item and must borrow one, or if you return to your locker, you will gain a point. After you have three ice points, you will earn 10 minutes of detention.

**What should I do when I enter the classroom?**

Every day there will be an “Entry Assignment” (EA). It will be posted on the ActivBoard. You should begin the EA as you enter the room, even if you enter before the bell. If there is not an assignment listed, then sit down and wait for instruction.

**What if I need to leave the classroom or get up from my desk during class?**

You may only get up from your desk at appropriate times. In addition, to leave the room you need to ask for permission. If an emergency arises, excuse yourself privately. Only one person may leave at a time, except in the case of an emergency.

**What if I want to answer a question or have a question?**

Please raise your hand to answer the teacher’s question or to ask a question. If you have a question during a test or a quiz, you may go to my desk to ask your question. However, only one person may be at my desk at a time.

**What are the rules concerning Mrs. Seykora’s desk area?**

Please do not go behind my desk area when I am not there. If you need something, ask me and I will get it for you. In addition, please do not use my computer. There are Chromebooks for use (with permission). This request is a confidentiality issue.

**Can I use my cell phone, iPod or MP3 Player in the English room?**

No, you may not use your cell phone, iPod, or MP3 player. Further, if you are caught using one, I will confiscate it and return it at the end of the period. If this happens again, then I will take your phone to the office.

**What should I do when I complete all of my work?**

As mentioned earlier, you are to bring something to read each day. Therefore, when you are finished with any work, you may read. I will also allow you to work on other homework, but you must bring it to class at the beginning of the period.

**What should I do when I leave the classroom?**

Please stay in your desk until the bell rings. Before you leave, check to see if you have everything.

**What do I do if I know I am going to be absent or miss a day?**

If you are planning to be absent, please let me know at least one day in advance so you can get your work beforehand. If you miss class, it is **your** responsibility to get your work from the make-up work tray. If it is not there, then it is **your** responsibility to talk to me.All work for school-related absences must be picked up before you leave for that activity and must be complete when you return.

**What happens if I am caught cheating?**

You are expected to do your own work in this class. If you are caught using someone else’s anwers, you will receive a zero. Additionally, if you “lend” your answers to someone, you will also receive a zero. Also, plagiarism is cheating and it is illegal. Using text or images without giving the creator proper credit is plagiarism.

**When can I ask the teacher for help?**

Please ask for help during class if it is needed. You may also get a pass to come to my room during SRB, or stop in before or after school. **Do not come to me immediately before class to ask for help.**

**CONSEQUENCES**

**What if I break a classroom rule or do not follow the procedures?**

If we have an issue that warrants it, you will receive detention. You will have 24 hours to serve. If you have an issue with transportation, extra-curricullars, or another unforeseen probelm, then you must make adjustments in order to serve the detention. If you do not make up the time within a 24-hour period, your time will double. After that, the issue will be taken to the principal.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**What will we be doing in class this year?**

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| **1st Nine Weeks -** Parts of speech, grammar, *Flowers for Algernon,* sentence structure, narrative writing, Membean | **2nd Nine Weeks -** Literary elements, short stories, *Boy in the Striped Pajamas,* Membean |
| **3rd Nine Weeks** -Research project, *The Diary of Anne Frank* drama*,* Membean | **4th Nine Weeks** - *The Outsiders,* persuasive essay, passion project, Membean |

\*Agenda is subject to change

**What is the grading scale?**

English class follows the same grading scale as the rest of the school and it is listed in your student handbook.

**How are grades configured in this class?**

Grades are weighted accordingly: Classwork (*i.e.,* assignments, Membean minutes) = 5%; Formative Assessment (*i.e.,* discussions, graphic organizers, Membean assessments) = 10%; Quizzes = 20%; Tests = 25%; Projects (includes Papers) = 30%.