

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English

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### 8<sup>th</sup> grade English reinforces grammar and vocabulary.

1. Eighth grade English is a continuation of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade English classes. We use Holt's *Elements of Language* textbook, third course. We will begin with a review of the eight parts of speech and then continue with the parts of a sentence. We will also study phrases, clauses, agreement, pronoun and verb usage, capital letters, and punctuation.
2. We also have a vocabulary book - Sadlier-Oxford's *Vocabulary Workshop*, which has been revised for the new SAT. This book includes vocabulary for comprehension, grammar in context, and sentence completions. We will have spelling and matching quizzes on each of the lessons as well as comprehensive tests over three lessons.
3. Students must be prepared for class each day. This includes binder with paper, pencils and red pens, and other materials as instructed. **Each child must know his or her password for Google classroom.**
4. When assigned, homework must be done, or the student must accept the consequences. Homework, tests, and quizzes will be posted on the school's website per week by Monday at noon. **Remember that all assignments are subject to change.**
5. Students are responsible for all assignments whether present or absent. According to the Southland Handbook, if a student is absent for one day, one day is allotted to make up the work missed. If absent for more than one day, we need to meet so that we can make arrangements.
6. Grade calculations: I have three categories of grades: daily (1/3), quizzes – both announced and unannounced (1/3), and tests (1/3).
7. Each student is expected to show respect for the teacher, his or her classmates, and the property in the classroom. Common courtesy is mandatory.
8. Cell phones: Use of cell phones will not be tolerated in class. To this end, I have a cubby into which all cell phones must be deposited at the beginning of class.
9. All school policies as outlined in the Student Handbook will be followed in class. Any infractions of the policies will be handled by Dr. Collins, Mr. Humphrey, Coach Murray, or me.

\*\*Final grades in 8<sup>th</sup> grade English, 8<sup>th</sup> grade composition, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading are used to determine a student's recommendation for 9<sup>th</sup> grade Honors English. A student's attitude, maturity level, and overall work ethic may also figure in to the recommendation.

**\*\* Parents, please initial here \_\_\_\_\_ that you have read, do understand, and will support this policy.**

**Student:** Please sign below, and return to Mrs. Jeter.

I have read the classroom policies for 8<sup>th</sup> grade English, and I understand them and will follow them while in Mrs. Jeter's class.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Parents:** Please sign below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

My child has discussed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade English classroom policies with me (us). I understand them and will support them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Date