



***Welcome to Rhyder's 7th Grade English Language Arts  
2021-2022***

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**Planning/ Conference Period:** 11:54 AM- 1:17 PM

I am pleased to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you and welcome you to the second half of seventh grade. My name is Braesia Rhyder and I will be teaching your [student's] ELA class. I am very excited to be here and to work with you [and your student] as we progress through 7th Grade Language Arts.

Course Overview: This year, we will be using a county mandated curriculum, Wit and Wisdom. As we read a variety of texts over the course of the year, students will learn vocabulary, grammar, spelling, and writing styles specific to each genre and will practice those skills through classwork/ homework each day. This class incorporates the use of class-wide discussion to strengthen communication skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing). Upon completion of the course, students will have the language skills they need in order to move forward into the worlds of higher education and the workplace as competent, confident communicators, as in correlation to the GFMS Vision Statement.

**Student Expectations\***

Students are expected to come to class prepared, with necessary materials including any completed homework that was assigned. Students are expected to participate and be engaged in class discussions and lessons, and actively participate when they can positively add to the class. Students are also expected to ask questions when they are confused, need extra clarification, or when they need my assistance. Students should be on time when coming to class. EVERYONE is expected to respect the feelings of others. Students shall adhere to the class rules and procedures, which will be communicated continuously. Peer learning is utilized in this class, so students are expected to help their peers.

**Google Classroom**

All assigned classwork, materials, etc. will be posted to the "Rhyder ELA" Google Classroom page. This does not mean that all assignments will be completed on Google Classroom, but that every assignment will be posted to keep track of work. Students should check here everyday to ensure that they are completing all of their assignments. On Google Classroom, there are videos/ instructions for maneuvering and navigating the site, as well videos to help you turn in assignments, navigate your computer, add videos/ images to work, etc. Announcements/ Reminders will be posted on the "Stream" page of the Google Classroom, as well as in email form. Please DO NOT post comments on individual assignments, I will not see them. Instead, send me an email.

## **Grading**

Assignments will usually be graded within a week of its turn in deadline date. Please refer to POWERSCHOOL for accurate grades, instead of Google Classroom. Some assignments will not be graded through Google Classroom. I wanted to let you know this so that you are familiar with the grading schedule so that you may figure out what needs to be done, what hasn't been graded, what is past due, etc.

When an assignment is missing (due to absence or late), a 0 will be entered in Powerschool as a placeholder until the assignment is turned in and graded. Students MUST email me once they have turned in an assignment late, otherwise a grade is not guaranteed. Work turned in on time is first priority, so assignments turned in late will be graded after those assignments.

## **Grading Scale**

90-100 = A

80-89 = B

70-79 = C

60-69 = D

59 and below = F

Passing = 60+

## **Absences/ Missing Work**

Students are expected to check Google Classroom when they are absent for any work that they may have missed during the school day. Getting this material is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. Per county policy, students get one day for each day absent to complete missing work. After this point the work will be late and the grade will drop a letter (11 points). All extra handouts will be in a crate in my classroom sorted by date.

## **Redo Work**

Students are allowed to redo ANY classroom assignment and quiz in my classroom, unless I tell them otherwise. To be able to redo their assignment, students MUST turn in their work on time. If the assignment is turned in late, they have had extra time to complete it, so I expect maximum effort.

## **Makeup Tests**

In the case of illness or emergency, students will have as many days as they have missed to make up a quiz or test unless otherwise discussed. Long-term assignments, such as projects or written work, are expected to be turned in upon your return. Vacation or trips will not fall under these guidelines, and in those cases, students will be expected to make up missed assessments upon their return or before they leave, if able. In rare, extenuating circumstances, the teacher will use their discretion to rule on these situations.

## **System of Discipline**

1. Verbal Warning
2. Silent Lunch/ Mark in PBIS Matrix
3. Communication sent home/ Phone Call
4. Referral to administration

### **Academic Contracts**

Students that are not meeting grade level expectations could be considered for an academic contract at the end of the 1st 9 weeks. Students will be held accountable for completing assignments, being at school, and participating in class. If a student does not meet these expectations, they could be given a contract.

### **Important Procedures**

Students are not allowed to leave my classroom, for any reason (unless an emergency) during the first 15 minutes of class and the last 15 minutes of class. Students will need to sign out and in on the sign out sheet near the classroom door to document when they leave the classroom. We may or may not have classwide bathroom breaks. Please refer to the School Locker policy for information on locker rules. Cell Phones are not permitted in class.

### **Materials/ Supplies:**

1 - 2 inch three ring binder

1 set of notebook Dividers (5 tabs & labels)

Pens (Including Red)

Pencils

Colored Pencils

Highlighters

College Ruled Loose Leaf Paper

Pencil pouch to hold supplies (Optional but highly recommended)

EarBuds

### **Wish List:**

Kleenex

Hand Sanitizer

Clorox/ Lysol Wipes

Pencils/ highlighters

College Ruled Loose Leaf Paper

Amazon Wish List Link: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2OOGT31M1ND95?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2OOGT31M1ND95?ref_=wl_share)

Please sign below, along with your student, and return to Mrs. Rhyder.

I have read the expectations in this letter and understand what Mrs. Rhyder is requiring of my student and myself. I understand how missing work will be handled and know how to contact Mrs. Rhyder if I ever have a concern or question.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_ Student

Again, I am excited to be working with your child this year and am looking forward to a year of learning and fun!

Thanks, *Braesia Rhyder*