

Besteiro Middle School

English Language Arts -- 8th Grade

Course Syllabus 2022-2023

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Conference # 11:56 - 12:41

WELCOME! It is a pleasure to have you in my classroom this school year! This year is an **EXCITING** year and many things will be learned through a variety of educational methods that will help in the coming years.

COURSE CONTENT:

This course will support students in meeting reading, writing, written & oral English language conventions, listening and speaking content standards for English Language Arts **8th grade**. During the course of the semester students will increase skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking; which will enable them to address the rigor of the **STAAR** (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) State Test.

Students will continue to develop an appreciation for literature through the study of literary elements in classic and contemporary selections.

Honors/GT Classes

- *Learn, analyze, synthesize skills; critical thinking
- *Outside projects: book report, power points, oral presentation, due dates to be announced
- *Develop advance content area vocabulary
- *Maintain academic grade of 80

Students will have assignments that will include both class and home time. Students will also have online assignments during the school year.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

To be successful in this class, you have to have a pencil, pens (blue/black), pocket folder, glue sticks, and one composition book. The composition book will stay in the classroom.

CLASSROOM RULES:

- 1) Be Respectful: respect the opinion/ideas of others and their property
- 2) Be Responsible: turn in assignments on time and be in class **ON TIME!**
- 3) Be Focused: Pay attention to the teacher and to group presentations
- 4) Be Prepared: bring class materials; pen/pencil, paper, homework

DISCIPLINE PLAN:

If a student breaks a rule stated above, the following consequences will occur:

- 1. Verbal reminder (redirect)
Student/Teacher Conference
- 2. Parent Phone Call
- 3. Parent Conference (I.T.S) (DETENTION)
- 4. Counselor Referral
- 5. Administrative Referral

- **Major incident will be an automatic administrative referral**

GRADING:

Daily Grades: 40%

Tests: 60%+ (Weekly Tests, Benchmarks, Six Weeks, Semester Exams)

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Must be turned **OFF AND** be out of sight during class which includes earbuds/airpods
Electronic devices will **only** be used for educational purposes based on the teacher's discretion. The device will be confiscated if it is not used for educational purposes.

DRESS CODE

Dress code **at all times**

EXTRA HELP: Make- up Work/Missing Work/ Re Tests/Homework help will be administered afterschool upon student's request

ATTENDANCE:

* During an excused absence (ex. illness, travel), that student is allowed the number of days absent in order to do make-up work.

* During an unexcused absence (ex. suspension, truancy), assignments are due the day the student returns to class. Any late work will result in a percentage deduction such as that for late assignments.

Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

Please discuss this syllabus with your child, then sign and date below. In addition, please ask your child if he/she has any assignment each day. It is extremely important that parents play a part in their child's education; this will ensure a successful school year.

Sign and Return to your teacher!

"I have received the Course Syllabus from my teacher and have read it thoroughly and I also understand what I am expected to do in order to be a student in good standing."

Child's Name

Date

ID Number

House Telephone #

Cellar Telephone #

Parent(s)/Guardian Signature

Address