

Class Expectations

8th Grade Language Arts

2009-2010

1. *You are expected to be in your assigned seat on time. You will be marked **tardy** for the following: running through the door when the bell rings, and/or having to be told to sit down when the bell rings.*
2. *You are not permitted to consume or sell food, candy, or drink in the room except as part of a pre-approved class activity. **No gum allowed!***
3. *You are responsible for getting your work when you are absent: I will try to keep assignments updated in a class binder and on line at <https://parentaccess.noeca.org>; however, it is your responsibility to see me to get your missed work!
Please keep in mind that if you are absent the day of a test, you will be expected to take the test the day you return to class.*
4. *You are expected to come to class prepared every day. You will need a book, a binder, not a notebook, and blue or black ink pens. **Work not written legibly or with a writing utensil that is not dark enough (no gel pens or light pencil) will receive a zero or have to stay after school to correct. Also, work that is completed in texting language will not be graded.***
5. *Students are required to bring their agendas to class. Failure to do so will result in a loss of compliance/participation points.*
6. *All homework and class work are to be turned in on the assigned due date. I will not accept late work. If you are present at school any part of the day, you are expected to get your work to me.*
7. *One letter grade will be deducted for any late or missing major assignments (projects, papers, formal presentations) for every day or part of the day that the assignment is not submitted on time. A major assignment due at the beginning of the period will be lowered one grade if submitted after the beginning of the period. This means any work you need to print out should be done ahead of time computer or printing problems are not excusable. **Plan ahead instead of procrastinating.***

8. *You are expected to be attentive and stay awake. If you sleep in class rather than paying attention or working, you will lose participation points.*
9. *You are expected to speak and act respectfully of everyone in this room. All students have a right to learn without interference from any other student. Teachers also have a right to instruct without undue distractions. Thus, students are expected to exercise self-control so as not to interfere with any other students or teachers' rights.*
10. *You are expected to do your own work. Students whose papers are done together will receive a fraction of the total points given. **Plagiarism will result in an automatic F on the assignment.***
11. *At the end of class, you are to remain in your seat until you have been formally dismissed. Packing up early or running to leave the room is not permitted.*
12. *Students are expected to refrain from marking on desktops, walls, and any other school property, including textbooks. Students are expected to clean up after themselves and use the wastebasket to discard of trash at the end of class.*

13. Compliance Points:

*This is a kind of declining balance account, like a debit account. Each student begins the quarter with 100 points. A student will lose 5 points for each time he/she is unprepared for class due to forgotten book, notebook, or pencil or other required classroom materials. A student will lose 5 points for any classroom behavior that impedes teaching or learning. **Each student will have 2 Oops, I forgot my materials tickets per quarter.** These tickets may also be used for bathroom usage during class time or to go back to your locker to get any forgotten materials. After the 2 freebie tickets are used, a student will lose points as described. At the end of the quarter, the tickets may be redeemed for bonus points. These little points will add up for the quarter. Be prepared!*

If at any time you feel you need extra help, please let me know so that I can make arrangements to meet with you after the school day.

Should you or your parent need to contact me, please do via email at Sherry.Rowen@Huronhs.com or by phone at 419-433-1234 ext. 2207. This works well if you are absent unexpectedly or need clarification regarding an assignment.

School Wide Grading Scale

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 70-79

D 60-69

F Below 60

Grades for this class will be based on total points earned for the quarter!!