**ENGLISH 8 POLICIES – MRS. MILLS**

Welcome. I am excited to be your teacher, and I am looking forward to a fun and productive year!

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**Behavior Expectations:**

* Respect – It is expected that students should show respect for others in the way they speak and behave. This expectation also applies to respecting school and other people’s property.
* Integrity – It is expected that students are kind, considerate, helpful and honest. This expectation applies to student work. Work handed in should always be your best effort and your own.
* Positive Attitude – Do your best to come to class with a good attitude. Even if English is not your favorite subject, or you are having difficulty with something, please do your best and keep an open mind.

*All School Rules apply in this class!*

**Supplies: (should be brought to class each day)**

* Three ring binder (1-1.5 inches)
* Tabs
* Writing Utensil

**Grading:** Standard grading scale used (see handbook).

**Participation Grade:**

For each ten-week period, the students will be responsible for a 30 point participation grade. Each student will begin with 15 out of 30 points to start. Once the student reaches 30 points, they have an “A” in participation. After that, students will be able to collect extra credit for additional points earned (up to 5 extra credit points).

\*\*Participation points will be added any time a student is an active member in class (i.e. volunteers to read a passage, offers an answer or opinion).

\*\*Participation points will be subtracted at the teacher’s discretion for the following reasons:

*Tardiness Unprepared for class inappropriate behavior/ language*

*Disruptive behavior Cheating Use of electronics without permission*

**Absent Work:**

It is your responsibility to find out what was done while you were absent. There is a calendar in the back of the room indicating what was done that day. You can also check my website. There is a file in the back of the room that will have any handouts you missed. You have as much time to complete the work as you were out. (see handbook).

**Homework:**

Most of the work will be started in class so that questions can be answered. Additionally, there will be enough time provided to finish the majority of the assigned tasks. Late work will be accepted at 50% of the original point value \* *Use your class time wisely*

**Extra Credit:**

You are **NOT** eligible for extra credit opportunities if you have **ANY** missing assignments.

**Tardy**:

You are tardy if you are not ***in your seat*** when the bell rings. You are tardy if you have to return to your locker for any supplies you need for class.

**Tardy Policy:**

Students will lose one point off of their participation grade for every unexcused late arrival. If the number of late arrivals should exceed 10 per card marking, an “N” in citizenship will be given at the card marking.

**THE TEACHER DISMISSES THE CLASS AT THE END OF THE HOUR-NOT THE BELL!**

**Substitute Teachers:**

Students are expected to behave appropriately for all substitute teachers. Students whose names are left by the substitute for any reason will receive a detention and a deduction in their class participation grade. More than one incident will result in a lowered citizenship grade and a referral to the main office.

**Cheating:**

Cheating penalties are strictly enforced. Cheating is defined by any of the following:

- Copying of another student’s homework, class work, and/or test/quiz

- Willfully providing answers to homework or test/quiz answers

- Collaborating on assignments without the teacher’s expressed permission

- Having another student’s homework in possession

- Talking/whispering during a test/quiz

- Plagiarizing written assignments

**Penalty for cheating –**

- zero earned on that particular test/quiz/assignment no matter what point value

- a parent-guardian phone call home

- chronic cheating will result in referral to school administrators

**Extra Help:**

I am always willing to help a student who is having difficulty. I am available before and after school. Please make arrangements with me one day in advance.

**Website:** I have created a website for the use of students and parents. The website will include classroom handouts, weekly lesson plans, and helpful websites. The website address is **mjhenglish.weebly.com**. Some of the pages are password protected. To access these pages type in MustangA112.

I use **remind101** to help students. It is a texting app where I can remind students of upcoming tests, projects, etc. Send to the number 586-554-2452 and in the message type @52727. I welcome parents to subscribe to this in addition to students.