

7th Grade English

Mrs. Sheridan - CR Anderson Middle
School

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Welcome to 7th Language Arts! Our focus this school year will be learning and developing our skills as critical thinkers, readers, writers, speakers, and listeners. The development and mastery of these important literary skills not only is important to achieving success in the Language Arts classroom, but it is also a critical component of achieving success in other school subjects, building strong relationships with others, and attaining a flourishing career as an adult. Basically, the quality of life you experience now through adulthood will depend a lot on how well you read, write, and communicate with others.



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INSTRUCTIONAL PHILOSOPHY

To provide an environment for developing proper skills, knowledge, work ethics, and pride in achievement.

Students will be expected to meet all the course goals and demonstrate 7th-grade competency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening standards. The instruction will be focused on improving reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Students will be expected to be active in their learning by participating in discussions, working in groups, working independently, asking questions, and completing assignments on time. All assignments are posted on Teams each day. My goal is to develop independent learners.

ATTENDANCE & CELL PHONE POLICY

Getting to class on time is important. The more time you spend in class, the more I can teach you!

- When possible, notify teachers ahead of time about planned absences. Whether planned or unplanned, it is **your responsibility** to find out what you missed and catch up as quickly as possible. Remember, you will not have your own Chromebook so being in class is critical. Advisor is a great time to get caught up with your work.
- **Cell Phones MUST be put away or go into the classroom hotel during class.** Cell phones are a distraction to learning, and I would like your complete attention during class time. If you need to get in contact with your parents, I have a phone in my classroom that you may use to communicate.

WORK POLICY

Work: Assigned tasks will be available for students to work on during class time. I typically allow students more than one day to complete each task during class time, and if students do not use their time wisely, they need to complete assignments in advisor or at home. Academic integrity is expected, which includes submitting original work and not using AI.

Absence: In the event you are absent from class, I expect that students will come in before, during advisor, or after school to communicate with me or use Teams. Late work is accepted one week past the due date/absence.

Submitting assignments on time helps create a sense of responsibility and discipline, which can be beneficial both in the classroom and beyond.

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HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL

- **Be Cooperative:** Follow directions and help others
- **Be Respectful:** Show kindness and demonstrate honesty
- **Be an Achiever:** Put your best foot forward and work hard



GRADING

Grades are updated in Power School weekly.

- Grading will be calculated on a point system for each assignment.
- **Writing and Tests are worth 60% of the final grade.**
- **Classroom Practice is worth 40% of the final grade.**
- No extra credit will be issued.
- In PowerSchool, a score of "0" with a missing indication will indicate an assignment has not been turned in. Students can turn in work late for full credit. The grade will updated as soon as I grade the late assignment.
 - From the time it is graded, students will have two weeks from the submission of the grade to redo the assignment. They may only redo work if it is below an 80%.
 - All the work we do in class matters! I want you to give your best efforts. The only homework that you may have is if you were absent or need more time to finish a classroom task.
 - Remember, everyone works at a different pace and some need a bit more time.



A = 90% - 100%

B = 80% - 90%

C = 70% - 79%

D = 60% - 69%

F = 0% - 59%

Detailed school policy information can be found in the school handbook

