

**Ms. Schmidt**  
**ELA/Grade 8**  
**School Year 2023-2024**

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# English/Language Arts Literacy Skills



## READING

- Fiction and Nonfiction
- Strategies for Comprehension



## LISTENING

- Accountable Talk
- Processing what is being said



## WRITING

- Provisional, Readable, Polished
- Narrative, Informative, Argument
- Developing voice and use correct word choice to explain thinking



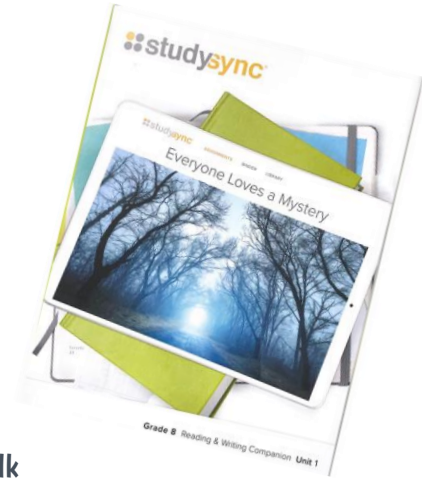
## LANGUAGE

- Vocabulary: Greek and Latin Roots
- Parts of Speech
- Grammar
- Standard English Conventions



## SPEAKING

- Accountable Talk
- Complete Sentences using Standard English



I-Station

I DO  
WE DO  
YOU DO









# Infinite Campus

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- **30% TESTS/WRITING/PROJECTS**
- **25% CLASSWORK**
- **20% QUIZZES**
  - Includes the **Benchmark Assessment** given in **January and June**
- **15% HOMEWORK**
- **10% CLASSROOM RESPONSIBILITIES**

# Google Classroom

■ All assignments will be posted in the classroom by date.

September 20, 2022		⋮
	"Ruthless" After Reading Questions	Posted Yesterday
	"Ruthless" Pre-reading Vocabulary	Due Yesterday
	RACE Strategy: Cell Phones in School	Due Yesterday
	Do Now: Use It, Don't Lose It Week 1, Day 1	Due Yesterday
September 19, 2022		⋮
	Do Now: The Great Escape: September 19	Due Sep 19
	Narrative Writing: Day Two (1)	Due Sep 19
September 16, 2022		⋮
	Do Now: The Great Escape: September 16	Due Sep 16
	Race Strategy: Sneaker Culture 9/16	Due Sep 16

# I-Station

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- The district has purchased a reading intervention platform for students that is to be used 3 times a week.
- Students are required to accumulate 60 minutes of I-Station time weekly.
- The results of student effort will be tracked and monitored from now until high school.
- High schools then look at scores and place students in ELA classes.

# School Supplies

## ELA Necessities

- SCHOOL LAPTOP WILL BE USED EVERY DAY!
- Own supply of pens or pencils
- Notebook paper

PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS		EQUIPMENT LOAN AGREEMENT Chromebooks	
<small>Paterson Public Schools (the "District") may provide computer equipment to students for educational purposes only. The goal of providing technology resources is to improve learning and teaching. Students who use district-based computer equipment, including Chromebooks, must adhere to all state, county, and local laws, regulations, and policies regarding use of technology (Policy 2309), standards for acceptable use of technology (Policy 2301), and electronic communication and recording devices (Policy 2310) (Policy/Regulation 2301, 2309, 2310) and all other applicable laws, regulations, and policies.</small>			
DEVICE SERIAL NO.	DATE ISSUED	NAME OF STUDENT	STUDENT ID NO.
NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN	PHONE	EMAIL OF PARENT/GUARDIAN	
<b>AGREEMENT</b>			
<small>By signing below, both the student and their parent/guardian agree to comply with the following terms and conditions regarding the use and care of a District-leased Chromebook:</small>			
<b>LOANED EQUIPMENT:</b> The student named above will be borrowing a Chromebook laptop with associated ("Equipment") which the District has loaned to the student exclusively for academic purposes. It is the student's responsibility to care for the Equipment and to ensure it is kept safe and used in a safe environment to prevent damage or loss. The Equipment is being loaned only for the duration of the current school year. If the student should use the Equipment for an inappropriate purpose or to view inappropriate material, the District may suspend, without cause, the student's use of the Equipment for an inappropriate purpose or to view inappropriate material. The student's use of the Equipment is a privilege, not a right, and it is the student's responsibility to protect and safeguard the Equipment and to return it in the same good condition as when it was loaned.			
<b>ACCEPTABLE USE:</b> The student is authorized to use the Equipment only for academic purposes in accordance with the District's policies and regulations. Students are expected to utilize their assigned Chromebooks for completing school assignments using the Google platform and other software approved by the Paterson Board of Education. All pre-installed software programs are subject to their own user license agreements, which the student and their parent/guardian are expected to review and comply with at all times. The Equipment may be used only to run software authorized by the District, and students are expressly prohibited from installing or utilizing other software or modifying any software which the District has installed. The District is not responsible for malware, viruses, or digital content or software that may be transmitted between the Equipment and the student's privately-owned electronic devices (including data storage devices). The student must use their best efforts to protect the Equipment in their possession from being damaged or otherwise responsible for digital content or malware.			
<b>LOSS, THEFT, OR DAMAGE:</b> The student must notify their homeroom teacher immediately if the Equipment is lost, stolen, or damaged while loaned to the student. In the event of loss or theft, the teacher will attempt to locate the Equipment according to the procedures for tracking and recovering mobile digital devices (see Policy 2313, section 7), although the District may issue a replacement device. The student and their parent/guardian may be required to pay the cost for replacing or repairing the device (see fee schedule) or to receive a replacement device.			
<b>RETURN OF EQUIPMENT:</b> The student must return the Equipment to the school promptly when instructed, or before transferring to another school, or at the end of the school year (whichever is sooner). Students who do not return the Equipment as required by this Agreement may be subject to disciplinary sanctions, civil liability, and civil criminal prosecution. A late fee may be charged if the Chromebook is not returned to the school office or the required check-in date.			
<b>STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> As a condition of being allowed to bring their assigned Chromebook home, the student must treat the device with care, use responsibly and only for educational purposes, keep it secure properly with a copyright law, and make sure the device is fully charged for school each day. DO NOT loan the device to others. DO NOT install or delete any software. DO NOT try to repair the device. DO NOT remove, alter, or delete the serial number or the Paterson Public Schools logo on the device. DO NOT attempt to connect the device to any other network over the Internet. Misuse or inappropriate use of the device, as determined by school officials, may result in any or all of the following consequences: student-teacher conference, parent-teacher conference, suspension or access of device use privileges, school disciplinary sanctions according to the Code of Student Conduct, civil liability, and criminal prosecution.			
<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> To take ensure the assigned Chromebook is used in a safe, efficient, and ethical manner, the parent/guardian must supervise the student's use of the device at home, discuss school policies and expectations regarding the use of technology and the Internet, notify the school about any problems with the device, comply with all copyright laws, and make sure the device is fully charged for school each day. DO NOT allow others to use the device. DO NOT install or delete any software. DO NOT try to repair the device. The parent/guardian may be called to bring the device to school if the student comes to school without it.			
Signature of Student		Date	
Signature of Parent/Guardian		Date	

# In Ms. Schmidt's Room

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## Standards for Behavior

Students will develop and demonstrate the following behaviors:

- Personal Discipline
- Pride
- Self-Control
- Integrity
- Thinking Ahead
- Goal Setting

## Classroom Expectations

Students are expected to behave in a manner that allows everyone to learn while in the classroom setting.

Discipline Sheet

Disruptive behavior will be addressed as necessary with consequences.

## Absences/Makeup Work

If absent from class, it is the responsibility of the student to ask for and complete missed work.

Students have the amount of time absent to

**complete the work** (if absent one day, student has one day to makeup missing work; if absent two days, student has two days to makeup missing work; etc.)

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- **Come prepared**
- **Raise your hand**
- **Always try your very best**
- **No phones**
- **Stay seated**
- **Work hard**
- **Positive attitude & language**
- **Keep hands and feet to yourself**
- **Trash goes in the can**



# Classroom Procedures

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- Check the boards for information
- Do not talk when I am talking
- Unless otherwise stated, laptops should be in presentation mode when I am addressing the class
- Respect classroom books and materials
- A pass is necessary to leave the room
- Write your first and last name, along with the date, on every paper
- You may not eat during class
- Put things back where you found it
- Enter and leave the classroom with respect and awareness

# How **NOT** to Succeed in ELA

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- **Doing nothing**
- **Bathroom: often and lengths of time**
- **Cell phones**
- **Earbuds**
- **Video Games**
- **Social Media**
- **You Tube**
- **Late to class**

# Contact Information

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