GODDARD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Midland Independent School District
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8th Grade Syllabus

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Course Description

English 8th grade is a course designed to engage students to explore, understand, and apply reading, writing, listening, and speaking independently through meaningful interdisciplinary tasks.

Supplies

- Chromebook
- 2 Composition book
- Purple Folder with 2 pockets
- Pens, Pencils, Erasers, Highlighters

Grading

Major Grades (60%): Tests and Projects

Minor Grades (40%): Daily Lessons, Class Participation, and Quizzes

Late Work Policy

Late submission of assignments will be assessed with a penalty of 10% per day. No exceptions are made.

Late (1st day) – Maximum grade of 90
Late (2nd day) – Maximum grade of 80
Late (3rd day) – Maximum grade of 70
Late (4th day)- Maximum grade of 60
Late (more than 5 days) – Work will not be accepted, and a grade of "0" will be given

Tutorial Hours

Monday 4:10-4:30 pm

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Classroom Expectations

To maintain a safe and fun environment that is conducive to learning, each student should adhere to the following expectations:

- Follow ALL my classroom policies, social contracts, and treatment agreements
- Be on time for class
- line up and follow the BOC policy
- Actively participate in groups
- Complete all assignments promptly
- Treat others with respect as well as Mrs. Harris
- Do your best with NO EXCUSES
- Start fresh every day

Consequences

If a student disobeys the rules or disregards the expectations, he/she has also chosen the associated consequences.

- 1st Violation – Verbal Warning
- 2nd Violation – Parent Contact With Notice of Concern
- 3rd Violation – Disciplinary Referral
- Severe Clause– Any student who uses profanity, fights, damages property, or is disrespectful (as defined by the teacher) will be sent to the office immediately. ONLINE abuse is a ZERO Tolerance.

Course Policies

Tardy Policy

Follow the school policy. If you are consistently tardy to class, your principal will inform you of the penalties. If you show up late, get your materials out and BE QUITE. DO NOT TALK OR DISTRACT OTHERS.

Vest Policy

You must have one before you leave my class. You must sign out and sign in. You will go to the designated restroom with NO exceptions. If the restroom is broken or not in service, you must tell Mrs. Harris. No exceptions.

Academic Dishonesty

Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and may fail an exam, paper, or project, and/or failure in the course. For more information, refer to the Student Handbook.

Need for Assistance

Scholars struggling with seating, teaming or other issues, let me know so we can adjust and pivot. If we cannot come to a solution, parents will be contacted for further assistance.

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The most important things you need to know:

1. We encourage failure. Meaning we always TRY!
2. We always ask questions
3. We give 100% every day, all day, in every class
4. We treat each other with grace, compassion, and respect
5. We are a team
6. Mrs. Harris is here for you
7. I will never give up on you
8. Never give up
9. Every day is a new day

Parent Signature_____ Date_____

Student Signature_____Date_____

We do things the RAIDER way!

R	A	I	D	E	R
Respect	Accountability	Integrity	Determination	Engaged	Responsibility

RESPECT- Raiders are respectful
ACCOUNTABILITY- Raiders are accountable
INTEGRITY- Raiders have integrity
DETERMINATION- Raiders are determined
ENGAGED- Raiders are engaged
RESPONSIBILITY- Raiders are responsible

Miscellaneous

- Clear or Mesh Backpacks
- Clear Plastic Water Bottle
- Kleenex
- (2) Composition Notebooks

7 & 8 ELA Supplies

- [ ] Composition Notebook
- [ ] Folder with brads
- [ ] Notebook paper
- [ ] Blue or Black Pens
- [ ] Pencils
- [ ] Glue Sticks