

## Welcome to 7th Grade ELA!

Hi! I am Mrs. Sturkie. I am so excited to begin this school year with you! This document provides you information about classroom expectations, needed supplies, course materials, and my contact information.

### Course Overview:

There will be four units for this course. Each unit will end with a District Unit Assessment and TDW (Text-Dependent-Writing) prompt.

Low Grades- 10%

Middle Grades- 30%

High Grades: 60%

### Thinking Task:

Students will complete a Thinking Task everyday at the start of class, and they will be collected at the end of the week for a grade. *Students who choose not to complete their Thinking Task during class time will not have the opportunity to make it up.* Students who are absent from class will not lose points and can contact Ms. Sturkie to make up the Thinking Task. Thinking Tasks will not be posted in Google Classroom.

### Supplies:

- 1-inch binder
- Lined loose-leaf paper
- No. 2 pencils and erasers
- Highlighters
- A charged chromebook every day

Homework: Students can expect to be assigned weekly homework (vocabulary, grammar, study guide, etc..).

### Academic Dishonesty:

*Plagiarism or the use of AI to complete assignments will not be tolerated.* Please refer to the [district's policy](#) on academic integrity for a breakdown of consequences.

### Student Center:

My student center is located in the back of my classroom. It has three folders:

Blue: "No-Name," Yellow- Retake forms, Green- Absent/Makeup work. I also keep extra copies of paper assignments in this area.

### Absent/Makeup Work:

Students must send me an email on the day they are absent or when they return to request makeup work. Once this is done, I will place any missed paper assignments in the folder at my Student Center. *I will only place missed work in the folder if I have been*

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*contacted by the student.* Students have three days from their return to complete the missing work. Failure to do so will result in placement in the LLC program.

### Retake Policy:

\*A complete overview of this is attached to my webpage on the BCAA website.

Students get three retake opportunities per quarter. This can be on any assignment, but I caution students to use this wisely.

### Contact information:

Email: [masturkie@lex2.org](mailto:masturkie@lex2.org)

Parents: The BEST way to stay updated on your child's progress is by checking PowerSchool and Google Classroom regularly. There will also be announcements shared via Class Dojo. If you have not received an invite to your child's Google Classroom, please contact me so that we can set it up.

### Cellphone & Airpod (Headphone) Policy:

Use of cellphones or airpods will result in an automatic discipline note.

### Classroom Expectations:

Students in Mrs. Sturkie's classroom will....

- Come to class prepared (binder, pencil, and **charged chromebook**)
- Complete their Thinking Task during the first 5 minutes of class
- Keep their work area clean
- Make sure that their work is complete and turned-in in a timely manner
- Be respectful and kind to their classmates
- Maintain a growth mindset
- Respect classroom materials
- Collaborate with their peers in a way that is productive
- Be an active listener and participant in class

Students are expected to follow dress code (no hoodies or hats) and wear their I.D.s at all times.

**\*\*Items in this syllabus are subject to change.**