



Cherokee Middle School 2023-2024 Syllabus

Welcome to Cherokee! We are so happy to have you and look forward to having a wonderful school year with you. Below you will find the common policies followed by ALL teachers this year. Teachers may also have a course syllabus with more specific procedures for their classroom. This syllabus is designed to help you navigate the school year with a little more ease, so please read it carefully and reach out to us if you have any questions.

Home - School Connection

Communication between parents and teachers is vital to the education process. We will be glad to discuss your child's progress by returning phone calls and e-mails or through team appointments during conference times. **The Cherokee phone number is 417-523-7200.**

Warriors - Daily Assignment Tab Math Acc Assignments		
Teacher	Subject	Email Address
Mr. Pettibone	English	japettibone@spsmail.org
Mrs. Starns	Math	afstarns@spsmail.org
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Mr. Johnson	Social Studies	tgjohnson@spsmail.org
Dr. Christopher	Science	gregorychristopher@spsmail.org

Braves - Daily Assignment Tab Math Acc Assignments		
Mrs. Norris	English	tnorris@spsmail.org
Mrs. Felton	Math	jlfelton@spsmail.org
Mrs. Kiser	Math	bmkiser@spsmail.org
Mr. Vassilaros	Social Studies	avassilaros@spsmail.org
Mrs. Butler	Science	mmbutler@spsmail.org

Trailblazers - Daily Assignment Tab Math Acc Assignments		
Mrs. Hinkle	English	cchinkle@spsmail.org
Mrs. Slavens	Math	aslavens@spsmail.org
Mrs. Harris	Science	laharris@spsmail.org
Mr. Drybread	Social Studies	jldrybread@spsmail.org

7th Grade Counselor Mrs. Hall: jessicahall@spsmail.org

7th Grade Bell Schedule	
1	9:00-9:46
2	9:49-10:35
3 (Tribe Time)	10:38-11:24
Lunch	11:24-11:54
4	11:58-12:44
5	12:47-1:33
6	1:36-2:22
7	2:25-3:11
8	3:14-4:00

SPS Absent Work Policy:

Make-up work is permitted and is graded for full credit for all absences with the exception of truancy and suspension (unless the student attends an alternative school during his/her suspension).

Students are responsible for finding out what class assignments or homework assignments they missed and then must complete the work. When absences are anticipated, the student is to contact his/her teacher(s) to determine what assignments are to be completed during the absence. It is the student's responsibility to check with his/her teacher(s) as to work missed during the absence and the procedure to follow.

Items not eligible for MODD include presentations, speeches, quizzes, tests and labs. For these assignments, students are responsible for contacting teachers within five days to determine when and how to complete the work.

Grading Procedure	
Grades are available through the Family Home Access Center. You will be responsible to check the on-line gradebook to verify your student's grades. The following grading scale is used to determine grades.	
A 94-100%	C 74-76%
A- 90-93%	C- 70-73%
B+ 87-89%	D+ 67-69%
B 84-86%	D 64-66%
B- 80-83%	D- 60-63%
C+ 77-79%	F Below 60%
*** Extra credit that is given in class will be offered to all students and will not be given on an individual basis to raise a student's grade.	

Multiple Opportunities to Succeed - Late Work Standards

- *MODD = Multiple Opportunities Deadline Day*
- Late work of significant assignments will be accepted up to the *Multiple Opportunity Deadline Day* (MODD) for up to 85% credit.
- Significant Assignments that are accepted for up to 85% credit until MODD only include: projects, essays, packets, worksheets, or homework assignments.
- Assignments **that cannot** be made up on MODD include: presentations, speeches, quizzes, tests, labs, and participation points.

****Make-up of missed *presentations, speeches, quizzes, tests and labs* due to absence from class must be arranged between the teacher and student within a reasonable timeframe.**

CMS 2022-2023	Multiple Opportunity Deadline Date (MODD)	End of Quarter
1st Quarter	October 13, 2023	October 20th
2nd Quarter	December 15, 2023	December 22nd
3rd Quarter	March 1, 2024	March 8th
4th Quarter	May 17, 2024	Last day of school

Electronic Devices (Cell Phones and Wireless Earbuds)

CELL PHONES AND WIRELESS EARBUDS ARE NOT TO BE SEEN OR HEARD FROM 9:00–4:00 and ARE TO REMAIN IN THE STUDENT’S LOCKER FOR DURATION OF THE SCHOOL DAY.

If you need to contact your parents, go to the office to use the phone. It will be a cell phone violation if you call or text home from your cell phone or use wireless earbuds during the school day. Students are to check with the nurse if they are sick; she will call home.

- **1st Violation:** Student can pick up their device from the office at the end of the school day.
- **2nd Violation:** Student can pick up the device from the office/phone call to parent.
- **3rd Violation:** Office Referral/Parent can pick up device from the front office/After school detention.
- **Subsequent Violations:** Student must check-in device in office every morning before school (after conference with parent)/After school detention.

Tardy Procedure (Cumulative and resets quarterly)

- 1st Tardy – Warning
- 2nd Tardy – Warning
- 3rd Tardy – Warning
- 4th Tardy – Warning
- 5th and 6th Tardy –Parent Contact
- 7th and 8th Tardy – Parent Contact/ Lunch Detention
- 9th and 10th- Parent Contact/ After school detention
- 11th- Progressive Discipline (Admin discretion)

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using someone else's work as one's own. When a student is using information from print or online resources, he/she MUST acknowledge the author's words. If a student paraphrases information, credit must be given to the author as well. However, copying and pasting answers does count as plagiarism, even if credit to the source is given. Plagiarism will not be tolerated at Cherokee and will result in a zero for that assignment.

Academic Dishonesty

Students who copy another person's work, utilize unapproved electronic sources, or who use artificial intelligence will receive a zero. The student who is allowing the other student to cheat will also receive a zero. This is considered a major infraction and will result in an office referral for both parties involved.

Backpacks and Purses

As stated in the handbook, NO backpacks or purses are allowed in the classroom due to safety concerns and space.

Field Trips

- Due to the nature of organizing, purchasing transportation and admission, permission slips must be returned by the deadline or you may not be allowed to attend.
- In order to attend field trips students must meet the academic and behavioral requirements of their team.

Chromebooks

Every child will receive a Chromebook from Springfield Public Schools for educational use. Our classrooms will strictly follow the procedures below. The school discipline process will be followed in cases of improper chromebook usage.

- Students can be on devices ONLY when they have teacher permission for class work.
- All open tabs must pertain to the course work occurring in the class.
- No Apps and Extensions may be added or used that disrupt the use of the device.
- Devices are to be handled with care.
- Students are to leave other students' devices alone.
- Devices must be fully charged and chargers must be brought to school with them every day.

Fall Honor Roll

Cumulative GPA for quarter 1 and quarter 2.

- A student who earns a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.2 – 3.699 will be placed on the *Honor Roll*.
- A student who earns a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0 will be placed on the *Principal's Honor Roll*.

Spring Honor Roll

GPA for Quarter 3

- A student who earns a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.2 – 3.699 will be placed on the *Honor Roll*.
- A student who earns a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0 will be placed on the *Principal's Honor Roll*.

NJHS Academic Qualifications

Students must earn a GPA of 3.8 or above for each and all quarters of 6th grade and the first three quarters of 7th grade, or a cumulative GPA of 3.85 for the first three quarters of 7th grade. Additional non-academic factors such as teacher recommendations and essay are considered upon application at the end of 7th grade.

Accessing Canvas

Online

Go to the Springfield Public Schools website (<http://www.sps.org/cherokee>) and click on the link to Canvas, which is located at the top of the page.

Logging in

Students: Log in using your Google Sign-in information

Parents: Enter your Home Access Center (eSchool) Username and password. Click the Login button.

Mobile

Download the appropriate "Canvas" app from your app store. *There is a student and parent version of the app.

Open the app, and click "Find School" and choose "Springfield Public Schools."



Cherokee Middle School Student Commitment 2023-2024 School Year

All students are expected to be polite, cooperative, and follow the school rules at all times. These standards create a safe learning environment for all students in which to learn.

1. I will follow all school and classroom rules.
2. I will follow all teacher/adult directives without argument.
3. I will not disrupt students or staff before, during, or after school.
4. I will not threaten, intimidate, bully or harass others, verbally, in writing, electronically or physically, including name calling or verbal banter.
5. I will not use profanity, vulgarity, or use any words of sexual or racial nature.
6. I will not take other students property, money or items without student permission.
7. I will not accept, carry, or be in possession of any item prohibited from being at school.
8. I will participate in and be prepared daily for all classes.
9. I will treat all students and staff with respect.
10. I will be on time and attend school every day.
11. I will report all bullying, dangerous, or illegal activity to any staff member.
12. I will keep my hands, feet, and objects to myself. I will refrain from hitting, shoving, or grabbing others or their stuff.
13. As a bystander, I will tell a bully to stop, walk away with the victim, then report it to any adult.
14. I will be responsible on social media. I will choose not to respond, then I will report inappropriate posts to an adult.

Behavior Expectations

Students are expected to follow the 14 Cherokee Student Commitments. In the event that a student is disorderly, disrespectful, or otherwise disturbing a class, teachers will work with students to resolve the issue quickly. Students who fail to comply will be subject to the redirection, reflection, classroom interventions, or disciplinary referral to the office.

Teachers will log minor infractions, contact parents, set up parent meetings, and seek office assistance in correcting behaviors. The intent of all corrective measures is to create a safe, respectful learning environment where all students can access learning.

Multiple offenses may lead to office intervention and further consequences.

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