

Welcome to English 9
Mrs. Hubbard
Room 17
Frankfort Junior/Senior High School

Rights and Responsibilities

In Room 17, you have the right to feel safe, to be heard, and to learn to the very best of your ability. You are expected to respect these rights for others as well. Most expectations and policies in this room are summarized by one rule:

*Show respect to yourself, to other students,
to visitors, to your teacher and to your school.*

Some specific details to keep in mind include the following:

For each unit of study, Mrs. Hubbard will give you a list of the things you need to be prepared for class. You will **always** need: a writing utensil, your binder with a folder just for this class, a book for silent reading and your planner. You will often be asked to bring other items, such as a textbook or a homework assignment.

There are many ways to get help in this class or in seventh grade in general. ***Please ask and keep asking until you are satisfied and feeling confident. You can do it!***

Mrs. Hubbard follows handbook policies. If you have a question about a rule or a policy, you can ask Mrs. Hubbard or you can check your handbook.

Please review the attendance policy and the tardy policy in your handbook. These rules are school policy and Mrs. Hubbard follows them. Please see the notes on make-up work and absences.

Please review the student ethics policy in your handbook. Mrs. Hubbard expects the best of you, and you should expect the best of yourself.

Course Preview

Have a folder in your binder just for this class to carry home papers and homework. However, it is important for your parents to know that most of your work will be in your classroom binder (provided by the school) at school. Anytime that one of your parents would like to see what we are doing, check out your binder and bring it back the next day.

Check it out every night if you want, but it always has to be at school when you come to class and most kids like to leave theirs in the cupboard most of the time. DON'T tell your mom or dad that we never do anything and that you don't have anything to show them. Not cool!

At Frankfort Junior-Senior High School, we have implemented the Macomb Intermediate School District Language Arts Curriculum in grades 7-12. The curriculum integrates the study of reading, writing, vocabulary development, usage and grammar, with listening and speaking skills, and aligns these to state and national curriculum benchmarks. It is theme-based and comprehensive, asking students to acquire an understanding of the relationship between the subject and their own lives.

Some of the titles we will read include: *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Odyssey* and *To Kill a Mockingbird* along with numerous short stories and articles. We will use the writing process in a variety of genre to further develop student skills and creativity.

Finally, there will always be an emphasis on good organization, good study skills and good character in this classroom. Organization and study skills are essential to your success in seventh grade and beyond. Good character is an obviously essential life skill.

Grading

The grade you receive in this course is a direct reflection of daily work, test scores, and participation. All grades are based on points earned for work completed, daily grades, and test scores. The grade is assigned using the uniform grading scale found in your planner.

If you ever have a question or concern about your grade, please speak to Mrs. Hubbard about it immediately and bear in mind her philosophies about grading: *she wants you to succeed*. If your grade is not what you would like it to be, **please talk to her about it**. Together we can make a plan that will help you to achieve the grade you desire.

Make-up Work/Absences

Work that is missing or late for reasons unrelated to absence is not accepted. After the designated deadline, work is considered late and receives no credit.

The student is always responsible to seek out work missed due to absence. A make-up work folder hanging in the classroom contains information about work covered in class each day. You are expected to seek out this information upon your return. If you cannot find work for the day you were absent or if you have questions, please ask Mrs. Hubbard for help. Make-up work that is not completed according to the handbook policy is treated like any other missing or late assignment and receives no credit. **Make-up work will not be accepted weeks beyond the absence.**

I have read and discussed the rules, rights, and policies for Mrs. Hubbard's class. I understand the rules and I agree to follow them.

(Student Signature)

(Date)

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

Parents and students, please save the following contact information.

- To contact Mrs. Hubbard at school, please call 352-4781, extension 215. Voice mail messaging is available 24 hours. Simply leave a message at extension 215 and I will return your call at the earliest opportunity.
- You can also contact me by email at rhubbard@frankfort.tbaisd.k12.mi.us
- Please limit calls to my home to immediate class-related questions and concerns for the next day. I welcome calls that will help you get your work done on time. If you are unsure about an assignment for the next day, or if you have a question/concern about that assignment, please do not hesitate to call before 9:00 p.m. Issues extending beyond these needs should be addressed at school. Thank you for your understanding.