

# Ms. Davis' Syllabus

Townsend Junior High School  
**2021-2022 8th Grade ELA, Honors/Gate ELA**

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# Welcome to Ms. Davis' Class!

I'm really excited to get to know the 2021-2022 students at Townsend!

Coming back to school may seem extra intimidating this year, but together as a team we will get through it and make it a great year!

Myself and your other teachers are here to help.



# Class Expectations

In order to succeed in 8th grade English here at Townsend, students will be expected to:

- **Be Safe:** Walk while in the classroom, keep our hands to ourselves, keep floors free of tripping hazards, wear a mask, and be safe with our class materials.
- **Be Responsible:** Come to class with all necessary materials, come ready to try hard and learn from our mistakes, participate in class, and ask for help when we need it.
- **Be Respectful:** Listen to others and respect their opinions when they differ from ours, use respectful language, clean up after ourselves before we leave class.

# Consequences

- To keep our class safe and welcome for all, there are consequences for moments when we are not meeting the class expectations.

## **First offense:**

A warning and reminder of the expected behavior.

## **Second Offense:**

Same as first offense, plus student will complete self-check form and turn into Ms. Davis the next day.

## **Third Offense:**

Same as first and second, plus a call or email home to parent/guardian.

## **Fourth Offense:**

Same as first, second, and third, plus a visit to the front office.

## **Fifth Offense:**

Referral

# Grades

## Grade Scale

<u>Letter</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
A	90 to 100%
B	80 to 89%
C	70 to 79%
D	60 to 69%
F	<60%

- Grades can be accessed at Aeries by [parents](#) and [students](#) throughout the year. Checking in on your grades from time to time is useful so you can end the year with a grade you and your parents are happy with.
- **Classwork/Homework/Participation:** 45%
- **Assessments (projects, essays, tests):** 55%

# Grades Continued

## Late Work:

- Late work is not encouraged because the further behind in class you get, the harder this class will be. Turning your work in on time will ensure that you have a better grade and your workload is more manageable.
- That being said, sometimes things happen. We can get sick, have bad mental health days, or just make time management mistakes.

## Official Late Work Policy:

- **Students can turn in late work to the Google classroom or the late work bin until the end of the unit assessment is turned in for partial credit only.** Exceptions for special circumstances need to be cleared with Ms. Davis first.

# What if I'm absent?

- It is the student's responsibility to get makeup work after returning from an absence. The day(s) assignments can be found:
  - On the Google Classroom
  - From a friend in the class
  - From Ms. Davis
- I'm available before and after class to answer questions about makeup work after an absence or after school for extra assistance completing assignments.
- All make up work can be turned into the Google Classroom or to the Late Work bin
- Students have one school week (5 days) to make up absent work (Other arrangements may be made for extended absences, but must be worked out with Ms. Davis ahead of time).

# Bathroom Policy



- Bathroom pass will be stored by the door
- Once students have cleared it with Ms. Davis, they can quietly excuse themselves to use the bathroom.
- It is up to the student to use their time wisely for bathroom breaks. As such, there will be no limits on bathroom breaks *unless* the student is leaving the room so regularly/for extended periods of time and it is affecting their ability to participate in class effectively or it becomes a disruption to other students.
- Only ONE student at a time can leave the classroom except under special circumstances (ie library visits/assembly days) when the teacher is accompanying them.



# Recommended Materials

**Recommended Material for this Class (will stay in Ms. Davis' Room)**

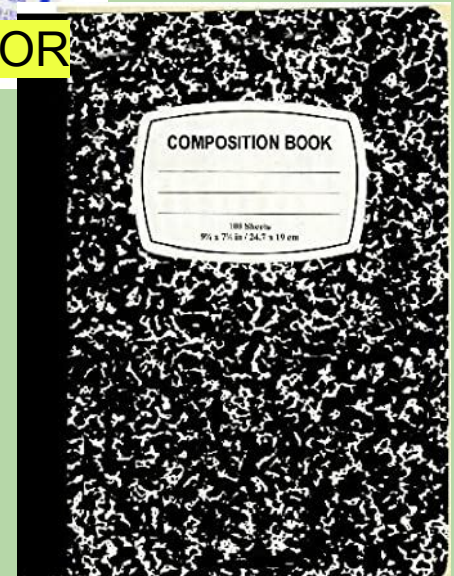
- One spiral bound or composition notebook for warm-ups

**Other materials that will aid with success in English:**

- School issued Chromebook AND charger
- Pencils
- Highlighters
- Loose leaf paper



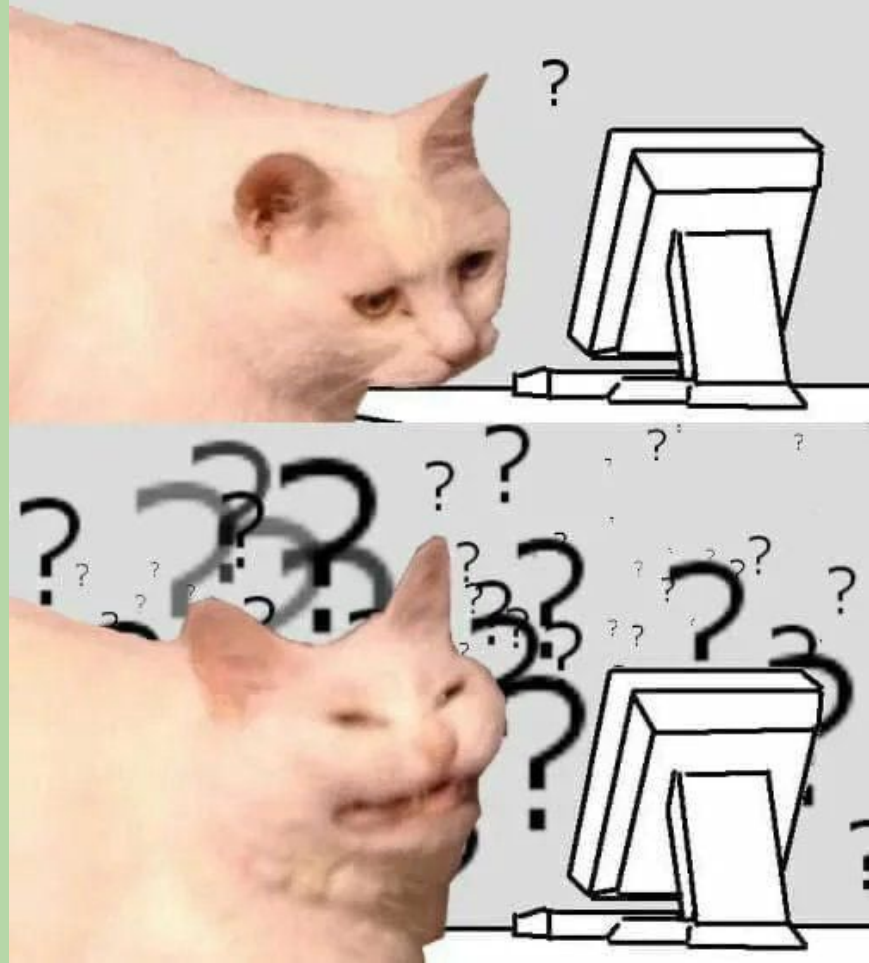
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# Sign and Date Syllabus Signature Page

- Student and parent should review the class syllabus together and **fill out the Syllabus Agreement Google Form.**
- Signed and dated Syllabus Signature page due by **Sunday August 15, 2021** by 11:59 pm (this will be the first grade in the gradebook!)
- If you are bringing your own notebook, please have with you by **Monday August 16th.**

Questions?



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If parents have any questions regarding my syllabus, I can be reached at [alexandra\\_davis@chino.k12.ca.us](mailto:alexandra_davis@chino.k12.ca.us).

If parents or students have questions throughout the school year, I check my email regularly from 7:00 am-4:30 pm and will do my best to respond within 24 hours.

If parents have any concerns about their students' performance in my class, I can schedule a phone call, Zoom meeting, or in person conference at your request.

**I am here to do my best to make this year a great one. I am eager to help students learn and grow! Student success is not measured in how quick they pick up the material, but their willingness to keep trying even when they make mistakes.**