



P. B. RITCH MIDDLE SCHOOL
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7TH Grade Syllabus 2017 – 2018
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Introduction: The goals for 7th grade students are to master the Georgia Standards of Excellence in Reading, Writing, and Grammar. Seventh grade is a time for students to learn to be more self-directed; they must develop the ability to communicate their own needs to teachers. We want your child to let us know when assistance is needed. Please help your child develop this important communication skill now by requiring that your child speak directly to us. To obtain additional information about the CCGPS for each content area, you may visit www.georgiastandards.org.

Course Resources: Appropriate curriculum resources will be used based on the Georgia Standards of Excellence that are being taught. Research-based instructional material will be used to ensure students are able to master the standards and objectives.

Advanced Classes: Advanced students will go into more depth with the content. They will be required to write papers throughout the year and expected to complete additional tasks not assigned to the regular students. If a student fails to maintain a 70 average for the quarter, then he or she will be placed on academic probation. After two unsatisfactory quarters, then that student may be removed from the class.

Class Materials Requirements: Students are expected to have their agenda, binder, a sharpened pencil and a composition book(s) every day. Pencils must be sharpened before class, not during class. A book of your choice is **required daily** for leisure reading. Please see supply list for a complete list of supplies.

Grading Practice:

Formative Assessment: Weighted 40%

Quizzes, Short Frequent Assessments, ticket out the door, homework, and other assignments as communicated by the teacher.

Summative Assessment: Weighted 60%

Multiple content assessments, unit assessments, projects, tasks, and other assignments as communicated by the teacher.

Grades: Parents can view student progress through Infinite Campus. Infinite Campus is the grading and attendance system that we use within Paulding County. Parents can receive their password and login through the front office. Photo ID required.

Grade Scale:

- A= 90-100
- B= 80-89
- C= 70-79
- F= Below 69

Homework: Ample time is provided for work to be completed in class. **Homework is not optional**; it is assigned to aid students in understanding and practicing concepts/skills. However, if students do not complete their classwork, they are expected to complete it at home. It is expected that all assignments are turned in on time. If a student is absent on the due date, the assignment is due immediately upon return. However, if the student is absent multiple days, then the assignment(s) are due within one (1) week of return. It is the student's responsibility to get missed work when absent (daily folder/crate/binder area, friend, etc.), and to schedule a time to make up quizzes, tests, etc.

Makeup Work:

If a student is absent on the due date, the assignment is due immediately upon return. However, if the student is absent multiple days, then the assignment(s) are due within one week of return. It is the student's responsibility to find out what they have missed and complete those assignments. Tests and scheduled quizzes must be made up. Arrangements for grade recovery must be scheduled with the teacher.

Late assignments: May be accepted but must be turned in within a timely manner for the given grading period. The due date for each assignment will be clearly communicated. The work is expected to be turned in as the student enters the class on the day that it is due. Any work not turned in on time will have point deducted.

Cheating: Students should follow proper testing procedures; failure to follow testing procedures and/or plagiarizing will result in the assignment receiving a zero. If you have a question during a test, ask a teacher ONLY.

Tutoring: Tutoring will be offered for ELA on Monday mornings between 7:50 – 8:15, (*Mrs. Gleaton*), Monday afternoons between 3:40-4:45, (*Ms. Kane and Mr. Hulbert*), and Tuesday mornings between 7:50 – 8:15, (*Mrs. Shifflette*).

Attendance: Attendance is very important for learning. When students are absent, they miss instructional time; therefore, please make sure you come to school each day.

Have this signed by you and your parent and leave in your agenda for the remainder of the school year.

Parent and Student Confirmation of Receipt - 7TH Grade Syllabus 2018 – 2019

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____