

**Introduction to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English**  
**Mrs. Barnett**

Welcome to 8<sup>th</sup> grade English. In this introduction, I want to cover some important areas: curriculum, grading, and classroom expectations. Supplies needed are a three-subject notebook, a package of spiral notecards (at least fifty count), and a package of tab dividers.

**Grades will be given in the following areas:**

1. Grammar assignments
2. Projects and writing assignments
3. Literature assignments
4. Notebook (three sections -Vocabulary, Notes/Daily, and Journal Entries)
5. Planner checks on Friday-10 points a day (50 pts. a week)

Points will be accumulated and grades given according to this percentage system:

100 – 90	A
89 – 80	B
79 – 70	C
69 – 60	D

Vocabulary will be given throughout the year and will be tested on Friday's or with a study unit.

We will have an opening activity in our notebooks daily. This is part of the three-section notebook. Notebooks will be collected two times during the nine weeks (5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> weeks.) It is important students keep their notebooks organized and current.

All assignments need to have name, hour, and date on them. Only dark colored pens can be used to write with –no bright colors, markers, or reds-unless assigned.)

You are responsible for getting work done and in on time. No late papers. If you need help, ask me before or after class, or before or after school. The Homework Completion program can be used. The following HCP contract needs to be signed and returned with this syllabus.

Planner checks are worth 10 points a day. If you are gone, you must fill in the day or days assignment(s) from the sheet given by the teacher, or go to the USD #263 website and look at the teacher pages.

Four passes are allowed each nine weeks. Each unused pass at the end of the nine weeks will be added in as 5 points extra credit. Additionally, if a student needs another copy of an assignment, he/ she may exchange one of the hall passes for a second copy of that assignment. This exchange is allowed once per quarter.

### **Classroom Rules**

1. Be in your seat by the end of the bell.
2. Bring all your needed materials to class. (pen/pencil, book, or notebook)
3. Raise your hand to speak.
4. Respect each other's opinion.
5. Be considerate of each other.

You can help make this class a positive environment.

I am looking forward to a really great year with you. Feel free to talk to me about any problems or concerns you may have. My planning period is 1st Hour (8:20-9:06 a.m.), but I am available before and after school, also. Our team time is 7th Hour (2:16-3:05 p.m.)

I have read these guidelines and understand what is expected in English class. This page is due back by Thursday, August 18, 2016. This is for a grade and worth 20 points. If you need a copy of this syllabus, you can find it on Mrs. Barnett's teacher webpage.

Date:                      Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:                      Parent/ Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

