



# CHARLES STILLMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ENGLISH COURSE SYLLABUS

**Teacher:** Mrs. Irene Avila  
**Room :** C214  
**Conference:** 1:11 P.M. - 1:56 P.M. (8<sup>th</sup> period)  
**Phone Number:** 698-1000  
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**Course Description:** Students will learn how to become more effective communicators through writing. The following represents the areas of study:

-  Writing Modes/Genre: Expository, Narrative
-  Text Structures/Author's Purpose
-  The Writing Process
-  6 Writing Traits
-  Sentence Structure
-  Grammar: Parts of Speech
-  Spelling, Capitalization, and Punctuation
-  Revising and Editing/Proofreading Skills
-  Journal Writing
-  Newspapers in Education activities (Teen Speak)

**Grading Policy:** Each six weeks grade will reflect the academic progress of the student and will be determined as follows:

-  50% daily work - minimum of 6
-  50% tests - minimum of 4

(BISD Grading Procedures pgs. 27-28)

**Homework Policy:** Students will be assigned homework on a regular basis. Usually, homework will consist of work not completed in class, including written compositions. It is important that students turn homework in on time. In addition, studying for a test is considered a homework assignment. All students will have a homework folder. (BISD Grading Procedures pg. 15)

**Late/Missing Work Policy:** Students are to turn in all work by specified due dates. Late and missing assignments will be accepted with 30-50 points deducted which can result in a failing grade.

**Tardies:** All students are expected to be seated by the time the tardy bell rings. Tardy #1 through Tardy #4 - Parents will be contacted and tardy documented. Tardy #5 – Office Referral.

**Test Policy:** A minimum of four tests will be administered per six weeks. Tests will include areas of study mentioned in course description. Students will be informed several days in advance so that they can begin reviewing and studying. Written compositions may also be counted as test grades.

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**Absences:** If a student is absent, it is the student's responsibility to ask his/her teacher for all missed assignments. The student will have two days upon returning to school to turn in missed assignments and to complete any tests missed during their absence.

## Classroom Rules:

-  Respect everyone and all property.
-  Be in your seat before the tardy bell rings.
-  Come to class prepared with required materials.
-  Raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged.
-  Gum chewing in class is prohibited.
-  **ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES MUST BE TURNED OFF AND IN YOUR BACKPACK (NO EXCEPTIONS!)**
-  Follow student Code of Conduct.

## Discipline Plan :

1. 1st Offense: Warning-Redirect; Document on Review 360
  2. 2nd Offense: Teacher/Student Conference; Parent Notification; Document on Review 360
  3. 3rd Offense: Team ITS/Counselor Referral; Document on Review 360
  4. 4th Offense: Team/Parent Conference; Document on Review 360
  5. 5th Offense: Office Referral; Document on Review 360
- \*Any SEVERE DISRUPTION requires immediate office referral.**

## Required Materials:

- Loose-leaf paper (several packages for the school year-store extra at home)
- Pens (blue or black)
- Pencils (#2)
- Pencil sharpener
- 2 Highlighters
- 2 composition writing notebook
- 2 pocket folder with prongs (Periods are color-coded: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Markers or colored pencils (*may be used for all classes*)
- Dictionary/Thesaurus for home use
- 1 USB flash drive (*may be used for all classes*)
- Academic planner (*may be used for all classes*)
- Box of Kleenex
- Glue sticks

**I HAVE REVIEWED THE SYLLABUS WITH MY CHILD.**

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**PARENT SIGNATURE**

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