**Mrs. Winsor**

*Language Arts 8*

*Advanced Language Arts 8*

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**Rules & Expectations**

**Rules:**

**BE…**

Respectful

Responsible

Courteous

Honest

On Time

On Task

Prepared

Positive

Seated until dismissed

**Failure to comply with any of the above will result in disciplinary action and loss of participation points**

**Objectives:**

Students will be able to

* successfully write focused, organized, content sufficient, and mechanically accurate works
* read and analyze different styles and forms of writing
* define and utilize numerous vocabulary words
* effectively communicate points through fluent, clear speaking and attentive listening

**Requirements**

* Discipline: All students are expected to comply with the rules as stated in their Union City Middle High School student handbook
* Read, write, speak, listen proficiently according to the Pennsylvania State Standards & Anchors
* Students are expected to have an independent novel to read at all times. Students may borrow a book from Mrs. Winsor’s library, the school’s library, the public library or from their own collection. All books should be approved by a parent or guardian prior to the student’s reading to ensure that the material is suitable for their student’s age, moral code, reading skill level, and maturity level. It is impossible for Mrs. Winsor to know the content of every book a student may read and she is politely asking the parents to take responsibility for that task.

**Make-up Work:**

* You are responsible for obtaining and completing your make-up work in a timely manner.

**Contacting Mrs. Winsor:**

* Any questions or concerns about the class including questions about tests or homework can be answered during morning tutorial, after school, or via email
* **Email**: [nwinsor@ucasd..org](mailto:nwinsor@ucasd.iu5.org) (preferred method)
* **Phone**: 814.438.7673 extension 4107 (calls will be directed to voicemail during the school day)
* **Website**: [www.mrswinsor.weebly.com](http://www.mrswinsor.weebly.com)
* **Skype:** mrs.winsor (please note that all conversations on Skype are monitored and recorded. Any inappropriate messages will be shared with the appropriate officials. Skype should be used only as a educational tool and not in a social manner.)

**Grades:**

* Grades are calculated using a total points system. Keep track of your own points
* **Early homework** will gain extra credit (10% of total points available)
* **Late homework** will be penalized
  + 1 day late - 25% of total points available
  + 2 days late - 50% of total points available
  + 3 + days – **zero grade**
* **Test corrections** can and should be executed, but are not required. Each accurate correction will add ½ of the original points to the test grade. (If the original question was worth 2 points, the accurate correction will add 1 point).
* **Plagiarism** will result in a zero grade, disciplinary referral, & contact with parent/guardian. Dictionary.com defines plagiarism as “the unauthorized use or close imitation of the language and thoughts of another author and the representation of them as one's own original work.”
* **Cheating** will not be tolerated. Students caught cheating will receive a zero grade, disciplinary referral, & contact with parent/guardian. Students who allow another student to copy from them receive the same punishment as the ones copying – do not let others cheat from you!
* **Technological failures**: In the event of a computer malfunction or printer meltdown, **I require a note from the parents for verification**; however, neatly printed handwritten assignments are always accepted and should be submitted in the event of a computer issue. Back up your work often and in multiple locations (yellow folder, jump drive, email, desktop, etc.)

**\*\*Participation**:

Participation is not only expected, it is mandatory. In order to become fluent in grammar, writing, reading, and speech, students are required to share with the class in a respectful and orderly manner. Mrs. Winsor’s participation system is also an excellent way to gain extra credit.

At the beginning of each week every student is designated 10 points (+ marks) for participation. These 10 points can decrease (✓ marks) or increase (+ marks) based on the student’s participation level, preparedness, and their adherence to the classroom expectations and policies. Students are able to receive up to 15 points per week of participation which equates to 5 extra credit points per week. If a student receives 3 ✓ marks in a single day or 5 ✓ marks in a week, a disciplinary slip will be completed and directed to the principal’s office where they will determine the appropriate action. Points are reset to 10 at the beginning of each week.

**Students must have at least 10 points in order to utilize the hall pass.**

**For example**:

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|  | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Total** |
| **Student 1** | ++  (for sharing bellringer and for being a champion on the proofreading board) | ✓  (for talking while another student was reading) | ✓  (for coming to class unprepared) | +  (for volunteering to read) | +  (volunteering to clean up) | 12 points/10 points  2 points extra credit for the week  120% A+ |
| **Student 2** | (Did not participate ) | ✓  (for forgetting a pencil) | ✓  (tardy) | (Did not participate) | ✓  (tardy) | 7 points/10 points  70% C- |
| **Student 3** | +  (for volunteering to read) | +  (for sharing a pencil) | +  (for sharing bellringer) | ++  (for sharing bellringer and volunteering to help a peer) | +  (for volunteering) | 15 points/10 points  150% A+  (15 is the maximum) |

**Student/Guardian Contract**

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understood all of Mrs. Winsor’s rules and expectations. I also understand that my grade reflects the amount of effort that I put into it. I am responsible for my grade and my actions. I will acknowledge and abide by these rules while in Mrs. Winsor’s class for her and for any substitute teacher that may stand-in for Mrs. Winsor. My parent(s) and/or guardian(s) are also aware of the expectations that I am planning to adhere to and know of this pledge. I realize that my actions in Mrs. Winsor’s class should reflect the behavior expected from all Union City Area School District students as outlined in my student handbook. Should I have a question or need extra help, it is my responsibility to see Mrs. Winsor.

**Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Parent/Guardian:**

Once you have read the rules and expectations and discussed it with your child, please sign below. If you have any questions prior to signing this form, please contact me. Also, please complete the sections below should I need to contact you. I have provided my contact information below and you can tear it off of this page to keep. Should you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Email is the fastest way to reach me.

**Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Daytime Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Alternate #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please circle how you prefer to be contacted:** email, daytime phone, work phone, alternate,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please put an X next to the circumstance(s) under which would you like to be contacted:**

\_\_\_\_\_ If my child’s grade falls below a letter grade of A, B, C, D, F **(circle one)**

\_\_\_\_\_ If my child consistently does not submit his/her homework

\_\_\_\_\_ If my child receives a failing grade on a quiz/test/project

\_\_\_\_\_ Other circumstances (please list):

**Questions or Comments:**

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