**Course Policies/Syllabus 2016-2017**

**7th Grade English**

**Mrs. Bizzell**

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**Course Description**: Students will study grammar, spelling, vocabulary, literature and writing. This class is based upon the Indiana Academic State Standards for seventh grade English. Elements of Literature is the text book assigned for this class.

**Seven Classroom Expectations for Seventh Grade:**

1. BE RESPECTFUL
2. Listen and be attentive; do not distract others from learning in any way.
3. Be in your seat when the bell rings unless a teacher has asked you to handle classroom business.
4. Come prepared with the necessary materials every day!
5. Planners are required for hall passes – Emergencies ONLY!
6. Do your own work and complete it on time.
7. The teacher, NOT THE BELL, dismisses the class.

**Homework:**

1. Students will be provided with a planner. Assignments for each class are to be written in this DAILY.
2. Parents, please monitor this planner daily.
3. Homework MUST be completed. Safety Net and Lunch Time Detention (LTD) may be assigned for missing or late work.
4. Assignments are put on Mrs. Bizzell’s web page on the school website. Click on Teachers to find it at <http://hhms.nafcs.k12.in.us/> -or- simply go to mrsbizzell.weebly.com.

**Materials Needed:**

 Literature Book Spiral Notebook \*\*to be kept in class

 Pencil Pens (black or blue ink please)

 Paper Planner

 A Book to Read 4 Yellow Folders (1 for each quarter)

 Homework Assignment Colored Pencils or Markers

**Grades:**

***Grading Scale*** ***Grade Distribution:***

90-100% A Approximately:

80-89% B Tests 50%

70-79% C Quizzes 25%

60-69% D Work\* 25%

0-59% F \*Work can be in the form of classwork or homework at the teacher’s discretion.

**Hall Passes:**

Each student will be allowed TWO hall passes per class each nine weeks.

**Danger Zone:**

There will be a Danger Zone posted in each classroom. Mine will be located on the back white board, next to my weekly agenda. If a student is not meeting the classroom expectations, his/her name will be added to the list. If expectations are still not met, a check will be added and the student will receive a Lunch Time Detention, also known as an LTD. This remains posted for one week, and then the slate will be wiped clean.

**Course Overview:**

***Literature:*** Short stories as well as several novels will be read both in the classroom and assigned for homework throughout the year. A unit on poetry will also be included. In addition to reading books in class, students will also be expected to read books outside of class. I am challenging my students to read as many books as they can during this school year. There will be a prize to the student who records appropriately the most books by the end of the year!

***Writing:*** Students will write persuasive, personal narrative, expository, and creative essays. Poems will also be written and entered into a writing contest!

***Grammar:*** Common grammar errors, as well as punctuation, capitalization, and parts of speech will be covered.

***Spelling:*** Commonly misspelled words, as well as spelling rules will be taught.

***Vocabulary:*** There will be periodic vocabulary tests given throughout the year.