



## Contact Info

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English – Mrs. Lawson – Room 413

2018-19 School Year

### Materials for Class

#### Recommended

- 70+-page college rule notebook
- Folder or section in binder
- Pencils
- Pens (blue or black)
- Highlighter

#### Extras

- Colored pencils / crayons
- Glue stick
- Scissors

## Dear families,

Welcome! My name is Cassie Lawson and I am your child's literacy teacher and am excited to be a part of your child's academic career.

In this course, we will be reading, writing and analyzing various texts. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Together, we can make this a fun and successful year for your child.

I expect every student to come to class prepared and ready to learn. Late assignments will be given 80% credit, so please turn in all assignments on the due date. Assignments turned in more than two weeks late will not be accepted for any credit.

There is not regular, nightly homework. However, there is typically daily classwork that becomes homework if not finished in class. Projects and essays will also likely require time at home, although ample time in class is always given.

Class rules are consistent with the school rules found in the planner that was issued the first week. Your child is expected to be a contributing member of a safe and positive learning environment. Students must be in their seats when the bell rings. Tardiness is not acceptable and will lower their citizenship grades. As per school policy, three tardies will result in a referral.

I am available before school and during lunch for students who need extra time or help on assignments. I update grades regularly, so please check PowerSchool for how your child is performing. I also use Google Classroom for many assignments.

Here's to a great year!

Cassie Lawson

## Common Core Thematic Units of Study for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English

- 1 - Coming of Age – *The House on Mango Street*
- 2 - Tolerance – *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* and *Maus*
- 3 - Technology – Current articles
- 4 - Identity – *Fahrenheit 451* / *Scorpions*

*\*all texts subject to change and availability*

### Grade Distribution

40% Essays / Projects  
35% Tests / Quizzes  
25% Classwork



### Grading Scale

A = 100 – 90%  
B = 89 – 80%  
C = 79 – 70%  
D = 69 – 60%  
F = 59 – 0%

Please fill out and return to Mrs. Lawson by Friday, August 31, 2018.

Student Name:

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Student Signature:

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Parent / Guardian Name:

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