

Jackson Hole Middle School Vision Statement:

JHMS provides students with an innovative and exceptional education that instills integrity and promotes achievement in a diverse world.

TCSD #1 Course Expectation Form

JACKSON HOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

TEACHER: Mr. Hoelscher

COURSE TITLE: 7th Grade Language Arts

COURSE STANDARDS/OBJECTIVES:

WYOMING Language Arts
CONTENT AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

1. READING Students use the reading process to demonstrate understanding of literary and informational texts.
2. WRITING Students use the writing process and use appropriate strategies to write a variety of expressive and expository pieces.
3. SPEAKING AND LISTENING Students use listening and speaking skills for a variety of purposes and audiences.

- Further develop and refine grammatical skills.
- Build upon and expand existing spelling and vocabulary skills.
- Explore various literary genres.
- Demonstrate an understanding of public speaking skills.
- Organize ideas around a unifying theme to produce expository, persuasive, descriptive, or narrative writings with continued emphasis on the structure of the multi-paragraph essay.

Text	Elements of Literature	Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc.
Materials	<i>Esperanza Rising, Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, The House of the Scorpion</i>	
Films/Videos (Rating)	“The Odyssey,” “Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry,” “The Princess Bride” “Angus” Jim Henson’s Myths	G to PG
Student Supplies	7 th grade list, esp.: 3-ring binder, pens, pencils, loose leaf paper, spiral notebook	

COURSE GRADING SPECIFICS

	Description	% of total grade
Tests and Projects	Unit tests, quizzes, oral class presentations, long term projects	To be determined by point totals

Assignments	Daily class work and homework	TBD
Essays	Major essays include narrative, expository, persuasive, and descriptive writings. Major research paper during the Issues and Controversies unit	TBD

GRADING SCALE:

90—100%	A
80---89%	B
70---79%	C
60---69%	D
Below 60%	F

CLASSROOM RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

JHMS Common Writing Expectations will be followed and enforced on all written work.

Tardy to class

- First occurrence – warning
- Second occurrence – warning and phone call home
- Third Occurrence – Pass room referral

Late Work

- First missing assignment – warning
- Second missing assignment – call home
- Third missing assignment – after school detention or lunch detention until missing work is completed
- Assignments can be made up until unit test for 50% credit

Unprepared for class

- If student has to go to locker for supplies, they are missing class time. This will be handled as a tardy.

Minor Class rules: Class rules will be developed and posted in class.

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- Third Occurrence – Pass room referral

READING In addition to class novels and readings, outside, independent reading is expected. Students have a choice in selecting independent readings. Quarterly requirements include two independent novels/books.

HOMEWORK Homework varies. In general, I don't assign homework unless it is essential to the student's development under the 7th Grade Language Arts curriculum. Oftentimes, students will have enough time to complete work in class. If not, homework will be assigned. Also, during class novels students can expect reading homework. Twenty minutes of independent reading is expected every night.

Make Up Procedures Students are responsible for keeping track of and making up missed work. If students are ill, parents may request make-up work on the second day of the illness. Assignments can be picked up in the file holders by our front office. For every day absent, students have two days to make up the work. If a student knows he or she will be absent from school, please bring a note and turn it into our head secretary. She will give him or her a pre-excused absence form to fill out for assignments. This should be completed at least two days prior to absence.

CONTACT

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Best time to call: after 1:00

OPEN HOUSE: September 15th 6:30-8:00

CONFERENCES: 1st Quarter: Wednesday 11/4 or Thursday 11/5 3rd Quarter: TBD