

JHMS Vision Statement

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

Our Beliefs

JHMS is committed to a set of beliefs based on what we know about the middle school child, teaching and learning, and what we need to ensure successful realization of our Vision. We believe...

...in respecting and valuing the uniqueness of each child

...student mastery of reading, writing and math is the foundation for life-long learning

...critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration are vital skills for the 21 century student

...a safe and positive school environment enhances learning

...staff, students and family share the responsibility for learning

...high standards for learning challenge students and increase achievement

TCSD #1 Course Expectation Form

JACKSON HOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

TEACHER: Mandy Jones

COURSE TITLE: 8th grade Written Language

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.

Course Standards /Objectives:

- Reading: short stories, novels, poetry
- Writing: narrative, descriptive, expository, and persuasive essays
- Writing: in response to literature, prompts and research papers.
- Grammar: mechanics and usage of grammatical structure
- Vocabulary

Texts and Novels	A variety of novels and short stories including: <i>The Outsiders, Tears of a Tiger, My Name, Man in the Casket, Thirteen</i> , and more...	Investigation of literature and grammar.
Writing	<i>Writing Journal/Notebook</i> Writing Folder (created in class)	
Videos	The Outsiders (PG)	Enrichment of literature.
Student supplies	3-ring binder, loose-leaf paper, pencils, agenda.	

COURSE GRADING SPECIFICS:

	Description	% of total grade
Tests and Quizzes	Unit assessments	30%
Assignments	Daily Work, Homework, Preparation and Organization	30%
Writing	Journals, Essays, Written Responses, Writing prompts.	40%

GRADING SCALE:

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

CLASSROOM RULES AND EXPECTATIONS:

1. Students are expected to follow the school rules of being safe, respectful and responsible at all times.
2. JHMS common writing expectations will be required for all written work.
3. You must come to class every day, on time and prepared with all supplies.
4. During sharing, lecture, discussion, writing or reading, off task talking will not occur.
5. Substitutes and classroom guests will give complete cooperation and respect.
6. Come prepared to stay. Leaving the classroom requires a pass.
7. Late work will be accepted for half credit, except for excused absences. If you miss class it is your responsibility to see me before or after school or during lunch to receive makeup work. Plan ahead, if you know you have a conflict ahead of time with a due date, let me know as soon as you know.
8. First violation of the classroom rules will merit a warning and re-teach.
9. Second violation of the classroom rules will merit a re-teach.
10. A third violation of the classroom rules will merit a referral to the PASS room and a phone call home.

LONG-TERM ASSIGNMENTS:

Students will read 1-2 books per quarter and blog their response to me.

HOMEWORK:

3-4 times per week.

EXTRA CREDIT:

As seen as appropriate.

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 at our front office. For every day absent, student have two days to make up the work.

If you know you will be absent from school, please bring a note from your parents and turn it in to the head secretary. She will give you a pre-excused absence form for you to fill out.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Homework is due at the start of class each day. Late work is only accepted for full credit when accompanied by a note written and signed by a parent of guardian.

CONTACT:

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Best time to call: 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Jackson Hole Middle School – 733-4234

TEACHER: Mandy Jones

CLASS: Written Language

Please read the information contained in the Course Expectation Form and call with any questions or concerns. It is an assignment for students to have this form signed and returned promptly.

(Please print)

Date:

Student Name:

Parent(s) Name:

Telephone number home:

work:

cell:

E-mail address:

Parent Signature:

(Please return only this last page.)