



8th Grade
BOOST English Language Arts
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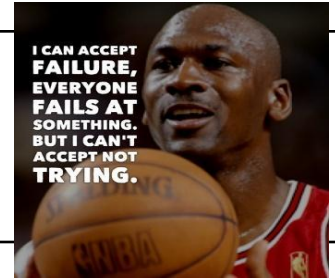
Course Details

The **purpose of this class** is to assist students with their individual deficits in ELA skills while also specifically supporting them with their ELA assignments.

No separate homework for this class. We do a lot of hands-on activities in class to develop a deeper understanding of the reading, writing, and language skills needed to be successful in 8th grade and beyond. I front load a lot of vocabulary and writing skills before ELA covers it, so students feel confident in regular ELA class and can keep up with the pacing better. I give some class time and assistance with independent reading projects and essays for ELA class, too.

Grades are pass/fail.

Attend regularly and participate in class with a positive attitude = pass.
 Frequent absences, not consistently giving best on class work and/or being a behavior problem = fail.
 Many parent contacts will be made to avoid failing this course.



iXL is an online program purchased especially for this group to give them individual focus areas and regular assessments of their growth. The school expectation is at least 50 minutes a week spent on iXL.

Students are expected to **come to class ready** to learn with a positive attitude, pencils, charged Chromebook, and earbuds/headphones. I will keep all other necessary materials students need in my classroom.

Students must be in the room (or my question line) with all their learning materials when class begins to **avoid being tardy**. Per school policy, I contact parents on the 3rd tardy and the office on the 4th one.

Students who are naughty nuggets repeatedly and sent to refocus in another classroom will have parents contacted at or before the 3rd refocus and the office on the 4th. **Stay on task, for this class is a privilege**, and other students are on a waiting list wanting the extra help and time. Consistent disruption of the learning process will result in a schedule change. Students should use this opportunity to grow, learn, and improve before high school! I am here to help, so utilize it!

Students are expected to **listen to their own bodies and use the restroom and drinking fountain as needed** without wandering the hall and missing instructional or work time.

Tips for Success: Come on time.
 Come prepared with a writing utensil.
 Do all activities with honest effort.
 Focus during iXL time.

Eat breakfast.
 Ask for help.
 Take pride in performance.
 Behave appropriately in class.

Maintain a positive attitude.
 Get adequate rest.
 Attend regularly.
 Have a growth mindset.