

# 8TH GRADE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND READING

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## CONTACT ME

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Conference Period:  
8:00am-8:45am



Welcome! I'm  
so happy to  
have you in  
class this year!

## MATERIALS

- ☐ 1.5" Binder
- ☐ 1 pack of 5 dividers
- ☐ Pencils and Pens
- ☐ Highlighters
- ☐ Composition Notebook

## READING CLASS:

In reading class, students will read and analyze texts to expand reading skills, deepen critical thinking, and be introduced to diverse genres, authors, and cultures.

## ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

60%

Daily work, participation, quizzes,  
rough drafts

40%

Exams, projects, final drafts

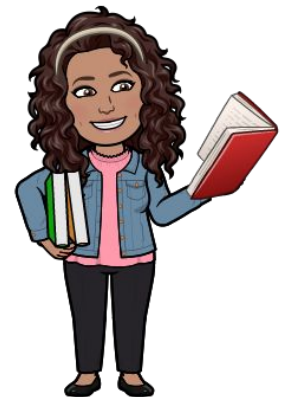
## CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Students will...

- respect others and themselves
- be responsible for their classwork and their learning
- give their best effort every day
- be prepared for class every day
- advocate for themselves

Ms.Karl will...

- respect her students
- give her best effort every day
- ensure her students have a safe and positive learning environment



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## LATE WORK POLICY

Students are expected to complete all assignments on time and to the best of their ability.

10 points will be deducted each day an assignment is past its due date. The assignment will not be taken one week after its due date and will be marked as a 0.

Students may redo any completed assignments lower than a 70 to a maximum grade of a 70.

## TECHNOLOGY

Students will be utilizing technology frequently in class. They are expected to use their Chromebooks appropriately and abide by Holland ISD's Acceptable Use Policy in the Student Handbook. It is the student's responsibility to take care of their Chromebook.

Cell phones are **not** permitted in the classroom unless given permission.

Students are encouraged to keep their cell phones in their backpacks during the day.



## ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Plagiarism is the act of taking or passing off someone else's work, specifically written work such as short responses or essays, as their own. This is a form of stealing and will not be tolerated. Students must produce their own original answers to class assignments.



If a student is plagiarizing or cheating, they will be given a 0 for the assignment and will receive a phone call home.

## OTHER CLASS POLICIES

If a student is absent, they will have **two days** to make up their assignments per day they are absent. Students are responsible for checking for their missing assignments/classwork.

Classroom discipline is as follows:

1. Verbal warning and discussion about behavior
2. Penalty point(s)
3. Contact home
4. Lunch detention or ISS

Students may bring water to class every day.

Parents/Guardians,

Please read the attached syllabus thoroughly as it details the expectations I have for my students in reading class this school year. Because communication between home and school is important for student success, please answer the questions below and have your student return this form AND their syllabus to me. They will keep their syllabus in their binders. Contact me if you have any questions about my class, your student, or school in general! I look forward to a great year of learning, growth, and fun!

Taylor Karl  
ELAR Teacher  
Holland Middle School

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FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Choose your preferred method(s) of communication. If it is email, please provide your preferred email address.

☐ PHONE CALL

☐ REMIND

☐ EMAIL: -----

I have read through the syllabus and understand my child's role as a student in Ms. Karl's class.

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Parent/Guardian: Print Name

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Date

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Parent/Guardian: Signature

FOR STUDENT:

I have read through the syllabus and understand my role as a student in Ms. Karl's class.

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Student: Print Name

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Date

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Student: Signature