

# READING/ LANGUAGE ARTS

## 8TH GRADE SYLLABUS

**MRS. BYRD**

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### Contact Me:

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Conference Period:

1st Period: 7:55-8:40 AM

### Remind:

Sign up for class announcements or  
an easy way to send me a quick  
message.

- Text [@jbyrd25](https://www.remind101.com/jbyrd25) to 81010
- Download the app and enter  
the code: jbyrd25

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### Materials:

- 1.5"- 3 ring binder with a small stack of notebook paper
- Composition notebook
- Independent Reading Book - (library book/book from home/etc.)
- Pencils/Pens & Highlighters (different colors)
- scissors/glue
- Dividers (3)

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### Grading Policy:

Daily Grades - 60 %

- Daily Assignments
- Homework
- Quizzes

Major Grades - 40%

- Tests
- Major Projects

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### Classwork:

Students will be given time in class to work on assignments. This will include independent, partner, and group work. Some work will be turned in on the Chromebook through Google Classroom.

### Homework:

If work is not completed in class, then it is considered homework. It can also be completed during enrichment.

### Late or Missing Work:

Points will be deducted on any late assignment. Points will vary by assignment and the number of days late. Late work will only be accepted for up to **2 DAYS** past the original due date. After

that, the highest grade possible will be a 50. **Consistent** late work will result in penalty points and parent contact.

## Failing Work:

If a student fails a daily grade or a test, it is the **student's** responsibility to meet with me to discuss corrections **within one week** of the grade being returned to the student. However, the new grade will not be raised higher than a 70. Parents will be notified if a student is **consistently** turning in late or failing assignments.

## Absences:

Students have **2 days** upon return to school to complete assignments missed while absent. Students can check Google Classroom to complete work remotely or the absent folder inside the classroom upon return.

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## Cheating/Plagiarism:

Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated and will be handled accordingly: the student will receive a *zero* on that assignment. No exceptions. AI generated or enhanced writing is not permitted.

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## Classroom Rules:

- Be on time, on task, and **ready** to learn every day. Class starts when the bell rings.
  - **Respect** the teacher, the classroom, other students, and yourself.
  - Be **responsible** for your actions, your classwork, and your attitude.
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## STAAR:

In April, all 8th graders will take the Reading Language Arts STAAR test. More information will be available as the year progresses.



## Discipline Policy:

Classroom discipline will occur in the order in which they are listed:

1. Verbal Warning
  2. Penalty Point
  3. Parent Contact
  4. Lunch/After-School Detention or ISS
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Please sign and return indicating that you have read and understand the expectations for Mrs. Byrd's 8th grade RLA class.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_