

Welcome to Mrs. Pihoda's

8th Grade ELA Class

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to 8th grade ELA class! I am looking forward to a wonderful year with all of my students. Listed below is a synopsis of my policies and procedures.

Our ELA curriculum will include:

- Poetry, personal narratives and creative writing.
- Expository and persuasive texts.
- Research and media literacy.
- Stages and traits of writing.
- Grammar, revision, spelling and word study.
- Listening and speaking skills.

Grading and late work policies:

My grading and attendance policies follow the campus guidelines. In the gradebook, daily grades and quizzes will count once and exams will count twice. These procedures can be found in the Brazos Middle School Handbook.

Our classroom/behavior expectations:

- Be on time, on task and prepared to learn every day.
- Respect the teacher, the classroom, other students and yourself.
- Be responsible for your own learning.
- Clean up after yourself and your peers.
- Check in personal electronics when you enter the classroom and retrieve them before you exit.

If the student cannot follow directions and behave appropriately, it is understood that:

- First offense- classroom warning; redirection; parent phone call
- Second offense- lunch detention
- Third offense- discipline referral

Classroom Supplies:

- Binder (ELA 2")
- Dividers (one pack of five)
- Composition notebook (ELA)
- Notebook Paper
- Colored Pencils, Pens, Pencils, and Eraser

These policies ensure student safety, protect every student's right to learn, and to allow for curriculum mastery. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at dprihoda@brazosisd.net or (979)478-6814.

I am looking forward to a great year with all of you!

Mrs. Pihoda

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____