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**Mrs. Couch’s 8th Grade English Class Syllabus**

Students and Parents,

Below you will find the rules and policies for my class. Please familiarize yourself with what is expected of you in English class and bring any questions you may have to my attention. I am looking forward to having a successful, productive year, leaving you prepared for high school!

Best,

Mrs. Couch

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**General Rules**

* Students may not talk while their teacher is giving instructions or when they are instructed to work independently
* Students may not use cell phones during class. Cell phones are only permitted before school, during lunch, and after school. If parents need to communicate something to their child outside of the permitted times, they may call the office ((409) 925-9300) and the office will deliver the message to the student. Having a cell phone out during class may result in the phone being taken to the office, in which case, a $15.00 fine will be required to get the phone back
* Students may not eat in my class. I do not allow food, candy, or drinks other than water
* Students may not take supplies from the teacher’s desk without permission. Students should respect Mrs. Couch’s classroom and belongings at all times
* Students may not use inappropriate language
* Students should be respectful to their teacher and peers
* In the event of a teacher absence, students should be well-behaved for the substitute teacher. A student name left in the substitute’s note will result in an automatic parent phone call and consequence for that student

Failure to follow the class rules will result in consequences.

**Consequences**

* Verbal warning
* Parent phone call
* Reflection assignment
* Writing assignment
* Notify coaches
* Parent/teacher/student conference
* Office referral

**Classwork Requirements**

* All work turned in must have the student’s full name (first and last) as the header. Failure to write the full name will result in -5 points from the assignment. This policy will also apply to no-name papers
* All work turned in must be done in pencil, blue pen, or black pen. Work submitted in red pen, colored pen, marker, etc. will receive -5 points. I have acceptable writing utensils available for students, but it is their responsibility to ask for one

**Cheating**

* Cheating will not be tolerated. Students caught cheating or helping someone cheat will be given a score of 0. Plagiarism is cheating.

**Late and Missing Work**

* On the first day that an assignment is late, it will receive -10 points. The assignment will receive -5 additional points for each day thereafter that it is late, up to 5 days. On the sixth day that an assignment is late, it will no longer be accepted. This does not apply to a student who has been absent
* When a student turns in a late assignment, they must notify the teacher

**Corrections**

* Corrections may be made on failing test grades for a maximum corrected score of 70
* Corrections must be completed before the next test is given

**Student Absences**

* If a student is absent, they will be given the same number of days they were absent to make up the work they missed. After that time, the work will be considered late
* If a student is absent the day of a quiz/test, the student will be tested on the day they return. If a student plans to be absent on the day of a scheduled test, the student may not take the test early, and will be given the test upon their return
* Make up work can be emailed home on the day of a student absence if the student/parent requests this

Please sign below, stating that you have read the syllabus, and understand the classroom expectations.

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I, the student, understand that these are the rules and policies for Mrs. Couch’s English class

**X**

I, the guardian, understand that these are the rules and policies for Mrs. Couch’s English class