**Composition 7 Syllabus**

Room 104

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**Course Resources**: *Grammar for Writing* by Sadlier School

We will be utilizing a new textbook called Grammar for Writing as our primary source of learning and materials. Students will have access to a copy of the textbook as needed. Additionally, ideas and materials may be used from other books and online resources. Any necessary materials will be provided on Google Classroom for students to access at any time. It is important that students bring their laptops to class each day, as assignments will be given electronically, as well as on paper. Every student is expected to maintain proper care of the textbooks and his or her laptop and ensure they do not get damaged!

**Course Description**

Composition 7 is a 7th grade class that builds on the concepts learned during the previous school year. This course aims to help students further develop the skills necessary for effective communication and expression in the classroom and real world.

**Grading Policy**

**93 – 100%** (Excellent/A) **85 – 92%** (Above Average/B) **77 – 84%** (Average/C)

**70 – 76%** (Below Average/D) **0 – 69%** (Unsatisfactory/F)

**Participation** – students will receive a weekly 5-point participation grade based on paying attention and trying their best.

**Classwork/Homework**– all such assignments will be worth 3-10 points depending on length. Students will lose points for each day an assignment is late up to **five (5)** school days.

**Quizzes/Tests** – all quizzes will be worth 15-25 points and may consist of matching, multiple choice, and fill-in-the-blank questions; all tests will be worth 30-40 points and may also include true/false and short answer/essay questions.

**Writing Assignments** – all such work will be worth 10-30 points

**Projects** – projects are lengthier classwork or homework assignments worth more than the standard 3-10 points.

* If a student misses an assignment, quiz, or test due to being absent, he or she will have the number of days missed to make it up. You are responsible for coming to me the day you are back in school to find out what was missed and when it will be due.
* Grades may be viewed online in Sapphire at all times. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the student to check his or her grade and address any concerns with the teacher.

**Classroom Rules**

Students are expected to know, understand, and abide by the following rules and expectations:

* Cheating, including copying another student’s answers and plagiarism, will not be tolerated under any circumstance. Students caught cheating will be given a zero (0%) on the assignment and further action may be taken.
* Be respectful in words and actions toward the teacher and fellow students. This includes refraining from using inappropriate language (i.e., no swearing) and keeping your hands to yourself and one’s own property.
* Do not throw objects across the classroom or write on the desks!
* Remain in your seat except to get a tissue or if given permission, then return promptly as to not cause a distraction – do not wander around the room!
* You must ALWAYS have permission and a pass to leave the classroom.
* Talking is not permitted when the teacher is addressing the class, when a classmate has been called upon, or when independent work is assigned – if you have a question or comment, raise your hand!

**Failure to follow these rules and other school/district policies will result in an individual meeting with the teacher and/or contact home, followed by referral to the office for continued problems.**

By signing below, the parent/guardian and the student acknowledge that they have read the class syllabus for Composition 7 and understand and agree to adhere to the guidelines outlined.

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Guardian Signature Date