

Eighth Grade Guidelines



Welcome

Welcome to the Eighth Grade! We expect you to strive for excellence as you complete this last year of middle school and prepare for the challenges of high school. These guidelines are set up to ensure your success in the following classes: English, Social Science, and Science.

Materials

- Learners who lose, misuse, or damage classroom materials may be held financially responsible and may face disciplinary action and/or loss of access.
- Personal class supplies listed below should be easily accessible during class.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● planner● FRED Book● college ruled lined paper● graph paper● blue or black pens, and red correcting pen● #2 pencils with erasers | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● calculator● highlighters: pink, yellow, green, blue● colored pencils● USB flash drive (optional)● <i>note: each class will give requirements for 3-ring binders or folders</i> |
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Assignments and Homework

The purpose of class work and homework is to help learners develop their reading, writing, thinking, and problem solving skills. All work should be complete, on time, and to the best of each learner's ability.

- Homework will be assigned on a regular basis, and should be written in the learner's planner **every day**.
- Written work must be completed legibly in blue/black ink or pencil, per the teacher's instructions, with a proper heading and margins.
- Typed work that will be turned in is expected to be printed at home or at the school library before school.
- Plagiarism and academic dishonesty will receive severe consequences. Teachers enforce the plagiarism guidelines outlined in the learner's planner.

Late Work

Consistently turning in late work will negatively affect a learner's grade.

- Unexcused late work may not be accepted or may not receive full credit.
- No late assignments will be accepted after 3 days, including weekends.
- Projects and major assignments are expected to be turned in **by** the due dates. Failure to do so will result in a significant deduction.

Attendance and Make-Up Work

Regular attendance is critical to the learning process. Excessive absences will adversely affect grades.

- Learners are responsible for and must take the initiative to obtain make-up work.
- Learners with an excused absence will be given adequate time to make up work.
- A one-day absence does not excuse a learner from the week's homework or quizzes.
- Long-term projects/essays are due by the assigned due date, regardless of absences.
- If you are on campus the day an assignment is due and you **leave for an appointment, field trip, etc.**, you are expected to turn in your assignment before you leave to avoid a late penalty.

Grading

Grades are earned, not given.

- Grades will be based on a variety of assignments, projects, essays, labs, and tests.
- Learners are to follow all instructions and scoring rubrics to understand assessment expectations.
- Assignments are expected to be complete, on time, and to the best of each learner's ability.
- If a learner has a question about a grade, they should approach the teacher at an appropriate time and in a respectful manner.
- Grades are posted regularly on the AERIES Parent and Student Portal on the BUSD website.

Citizenship

Citizenship reflects a learner's commitment to Luther's core values of **Respect, Excellence, and Community**.

- Satisfactory citizens come to class prepared every day, follow all class guidelines, and cooperate with and show respect to other learners and the teacher.
- Outstanding citizens not only demonstrate the above behaviors, they also "stand out" as leaders among their peers who help create a positive learning environment.
- Good citizenship is a requirement for participation in promotion and school activities.

Tardy Policy

Being tardy to class is unacceptable and disruptive.

- Learners must be seated or lined up before the bell rings.
- Late learners must have a pass to be admitted to class.
- In accordance with Luther's tardy policy, SIX tardies in one semester will result in a citizenship grade of "U" and can affect promotion.

Hall Pass Policy

Learners cannot leave class without a pass and should only ask to leave at an appropriate time.

- Learners are allowed to use the hall pass at the teacher's discretion.
- Learners may be expected to make up missed class time by staying after school or at lunch as arranged by the teacher.

Cell Phones, Eating, and Grooming

Paying attention in class is imperative.

- During the school day, cell phones and other electronic devices must be off and out of sight. Unauthorized use may result in disciplinary action.
- Water bottles are allowed inside the classroom, but no other food or drinks are permitted.
- Gum is not allowed on the Luther campus at any time.
- Grooming (fixing hair or makeup) is not allowed during class time.

Teacher-Parent Cooperation

- Check your learner's planner and the grade portal to monitor their progress.
- Check teacher web sites for announcements and homework.
- To encourage advocacy, learners should try to resolve issues with teachers prior to parent intervention.

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