



August 18, 2015

Dear Students and Parent(s),

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year and the seventh grade! I hope you had a great summer break. My name is Mr. Eldridge and I will be teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade English this year. This is my fifteenth year teaching and I am looking forward to getting started. I graduated from Girard High School in 1994 and Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois in 1998 earning a degree in Elementary Education with an endorsement to teach Middle Grades. I also have a Master's degree in Administration from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. In addition to teaching, I am the head coach of North Mac Junior Football League and also a volunteer fireman for the Girard Fire Department.

The quality of educational opportunities in this school district is very important to me. My goal is to provide students with the tools necessary to become professional and socially successful adults. Students will be expected to demonstrate personal and social responsibility in my classroom on a daily basis. I am also a believer that one of the most important factors contributing to student success is communication between school and home. It is very important that homework be completed and turned in on a daily basis and assignments will be posted on the school website in the near future. Please feel free to email me any time at [keldridge@northmacschools.org](mailto:keldridge@northmacschools.org) or contact me by phone at (217)627-2136 during my planning period. You may also contact me after school from (3:00 to 3:30). Please review my classroom rules and expectations with your child which will promote learning and give your child the best opportunity for higher achievement. I want to ensure you that your child has a successful school year and look forward to working with you soon.

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I have attached a copy of my rules and expectations. Please review these rules and expectations with your child. Please sign and return this portion of the letter by Friday, August 21, 2015. Your signature states that you have received and been made aware of my classroom rules and expectations.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Mr. Eldridge's Rules & Expectations



- Respect yourself, others, and school property.
- Always be prepared for class. Always bring your textbook, your notebook, your folder, and writing utensils. You must have a pencil, a blue or black pen, and a red pen. A red pen may be used for grading only. Bring all these items unless I have instructed you not to do so. If you do not bring all materials to class you will receive a lack. Three lacks are allowed per quarter, but the fourth will be a detention.
- Be inside the classroom door when the bell rings. If you are not inside the classroom door you are considered tardy. Three tardies are allowed per quarter, but the fourth will result in a detention.
- Turn assignments in on time. Assignments that are not turned in on time will be accepted if completed the next day for half credit. Otherwise, it is a zero, which could considerably hurt your grade. Make up work is the only exception to the late work policy.
- Candy, gum, and soda will not be allowed in my classroom.
- Raise your hand to speak.
- Three bathroom breaks will be allowed per quarter.
- **If students choose not to follow the rules, they will be given a warning and then a detention.**