

9th Grade English Language Arts 2019-2020

Miss Gonzalez

My name is Valerie Gonzalez, and I will be your student's ELA teacher this school year. This is my 4th year in education, and my 2nd year with Huntsville ISD. Last year, I was a 7th Grade Writing teacher at Mance Park Middle School. I am a HHS and SHSU graduate, and I am beginning my Masters in Education. Hornet green and Bearkat orange run in my veins.

I will include the supply list for my class, as well as contact information and tutorial times. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. We will be working hard to cover the material and grow as readers and writers.

Supplies

- These will stay **in the classroom**.
 - 1 - 1" Binder
 - 1 Package - 5 Tabbed Dividers
 - 1 Package - College Ruled Notebook Paper
- These will stay **with the students**.
 - Pencils and/or Pens
 - 1 Package - Index Cards (Preferably Lined)
 - 1 Package - Highlighters - 5 Colors
 - Reading Book (Students will be able to visit the library throughout the year. Students will read in their free time in class.)

Contact Information

- **Email:** vngonzalez@huntsville-isd.org
 - This is the best way to contact me.
- **Phone:** (936) 435-6100 **ext:** 1507
 - **Conference Time:** 8:37a - 9:24a
 - **After School:** 3:45p - 4:00p

Grades

- **50% Major Grades**
 - Tests, Projects, Essays, etc
- **50% Daily Grades**
 - In class assignments, homework, quizzes, participation, warm-ups

Missing Assignments & Make-Up Policy

- **Absent Students:** Students are allowed the number of days they're absent + one day for each day they are absent to turn-in work without consequences.

- **Example:** If Tina is absent 2 days, she gets 4 days to complete the assignments.
- Students are responsible for collecting any missing work, and they will sign when they receive their absent work.
- **Missing Assignments:** I do my best to tell students when they are missing assignments and give them time in class to complete them. We will have Hornet Time from 1:27-1:57 where students are able to go to a class they need extra help in. They must get a pass BEFORE Hornet Time.
 - **1 Day Late: No Points Taken Off**
 - **2 Days Late: 10 Points Taken Off**
 - **3 Days Late: 20 Points taken Off**
 - **4+ Days Late: Highest Grade Possible is a 70**
- **Tutorial Times**
 - **Monday:** By Request Only
 - **Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday:** 3:45 - 4:45
 - **Friday:** No tutorials. Go home!
- Any students failing will be required to attend tutorials 2x a week until they pass. Parents, coaches, and directors will be notified. This can be done before/after school and during Hornet Time.
 - **No Pass, No Play.** If students are failing, they may not be able to participate in their extra curricular activities (band, choir, theatre, athletics, etc).

Technology

- ***Per district policy***, technology will be allowed in the classroom for *educational reasons ONLY!* Any misuse of technology can result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the teacher and district policy.
- When students enter the room, their cell phones will be deposited in a cell phone pouch where it will remain until the end of class when students will be allowed to collect their phones.
 - If you have an emergency, please call the school.
- Chromebooks will be used for instructional purposes only when directed. While using chromebooks, students are not allowed to play video games, watch movies, etc.
 - Chromebooks should be fully charged before coming to class. There are **NO** available outlets in the room for students to plug in their chromebooks.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I will do my best to return any communication within 24 hours. I am looking forward to a wonderful year!