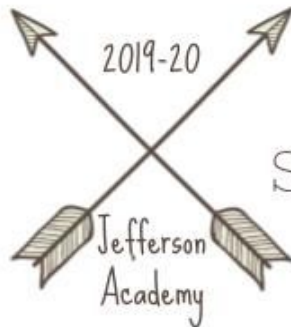


MRS. RISCH

Academic
Support: Writing



JR. HIGH PHILOSOPHY

What do you THINK?
T.H.I.N.K - Thoughtful, Helpful,
Inquisitive, Necessary, Kind

OFFICE HOURS
3:20 - 3:50PM (M-F)

CONTACT ME

My website is available
under the *Academics* tab of
the JA secondary website

krisch@ajags.com*

*I typically respond to email within 24 hours.
If you need emergency help on an assignment,
Check the website and ask your classmates
first, but I will try to help if I see your question in time.



ON THE WEB

In English, we use a few
supplementary websites:

- **NoRedInk** for grammar
- **Google Classroom** for assignments and due dates



RULES & POLICIES

GRADES

Grades in AS are weighted &
based on State Standards.
You can check your grades at
any time using Infinite
Campus.

Each category is worth 20%:

- Argumentative Writing
- Informative Writing
- Research Skills
- Writing Process
- Organization, Purpose, Audience

LATE WORK & RETAKES

HOMEWORK: Late homework
is accepted for 50% of the
original score. (See back page
for more info)

TECHNOLOGY



We will use Google
Classroom. Be sure to
check it daily for
assignment resources
and reminders and
announcements about
assignments and other
class activities.



Please bring your
devices daily. We have a
limited number of
chromebooks for use in
the event of forgotten or
uncharged devices.
Students abusing work
time on devices will
forfeit the right to
technology and will work
by hand.



Cell phones will be placed in
Phone daycare daily. Devices who
don't attend day care will be sent
to the office.

MATERIAL

Middle School is an excellent
time for building
organizational strategies &
habits. Bringing the he
following tools to class daily
will help keep you organized:

- Planner (supplied by JA)
- Loose leaf paper (college rule)
- 1"-2" Binder for notes or returned work
- Spiral Notebook for writing activities
- Varied colors of pens, pencils, & highlighters
- Sticky Notes

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THIS CLASS

Maybe you love English but hate writing, maybe the thought of writing puts a pit in your stomach--in this class, we're going to begin by diagnosing what areas of writing are the most difficult for you. After that, we'll practice researching, writing to inform, to persuade, and for specific audiences. The goal of this class is to help you leave confident and ready to write more effectively. We'll talk about practical strategies and techniques to really strengthen your writing skills!

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Attendance & Absences

Attendance is crucial to your success. If you are absent, please check the website for the assignments from the day(s) you missed

- Attendance is taken the first 5 minutes of class. Repeated tardiness will result in parent contact and detention.
- You have two days for each day absent to make up work. After that point, it will be counted as Late.
- Work due on the date of an absence should be turned in first thing upon your return.

Behavior & Attitude

Your education is a privilege, and any disruptive or inappropriate behavior leads to others losing out on learning opportunities.

- Be respectful to the teacher and other students.
- Be in your seat when the bell rings with your material for class.
- Come prepared with assigned work completed. Failure to do homework will lead to you falling behind.
- No bullying or inappropriate or offensive language will be tolerated.

Late Work & Grades

- Missing work will be accepted for late credit until the end of the Unit it is from (Ex: No To Kill A Mockingbird accepted once Short Stories have begun).
- Late & Absent work must be submitted to the Late/Absent box and labelled "Late" or "Absent"
- Late & Missing work is updated Thursday mornings before Eligibility.
- Work due during a student absence will be marked with an "a" for Absent-- this is not a 0, just a friendly reminder that the work is still due.
- If an assignment has a long-term deadline, I do not offer extensions.
- I do not offer extra credit.

RESOURCES to USE

Writing Center Tutors - these are high school students who will be at your disposal to look at and help you with your writing

NoRedInk-learning about how sentences work will help you make amazing ones!

Mrs. Risch-I am here to help you become a successful communicator and writer and to help you become more confident in your skills!

Mrs. Buechner (& our library!) Use these to help you with any questions about writing you may have!

They Say, I Say-you will receive a copy of this book and use it to help your writing become clear + concise.

A Note on Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is copying or using someone else's work without giving credit. It is a form of cheating and carries serious consequences, including plagiarized work receiving a permanent 0%.