

Team Lightning Policies

Students on our team are expected to respect their classmates, themselves, their teachers, and the school property all times. The 7th grade teachers have very high academic expectations as well as behavioral expectations reflected by the six pillars of character education: caring, fairness, citizenship, responsibility, respect, trustworthiness.

Classroom Rules and Expectations

1. **Be Respectful**

- ✓ Respect the school, students, teachers, staff, yourself, and your materials.
- ✓ Raise your hand to speak or to get out of your seat.

2. **Be Responsible**

- ✓ Follow directions the first time given.
- ✓ Complete assignments.
- ✓ Bring necessary materials.

3. **Be ready**

- ✓ Be in your seat and ready to start when the bell rings. This includes pencils sharpened, materials out, and books ready.
- ✓ Do your best each day.

Consequences

Consequences are per the teacher's discretion and may vary depending on the situation.

1. **Verbal Warning** – given when small infractions occur
2. **Teacher/Student Conference** – to discuss behavior
3. **Parent Contact** – to discuss behavior
4. **Office Referral/Removal from Classroom** – results from extreme situations or repetitive infractions.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty is taken very seriously. Any kind of cheating will not be tolerated and will result in an automatic zero for the assignment or test as well as a referral to the office where the student will be subject to additional disciplinary action from the administration.

Late Work

Late work is anything that is not completed when the student walks into the door of the classroom.

- **Daily Work**
 - no late grades allowed, automatic zero
- **Projects or Large Assignment**
 - Up to the discretion of the teacher.

Grading Scale

100 – 92	A
91 – 85	B
84 – 73	C
72 – 65	D
64 and below	F

Study Hall / Advisory Period

All students will have a study hall Monday through Thursday. Fridays will be set aside for an advisory period. **The following guidelines apply:**

1. Study hall is a time for students to productively work on school projects and assignments.
2. Students must arrive to study hall/advisory on time and prepared.
3. Students must use study hall time to work on assignments, ask for help from team teachers, or work together on group/partner projects (only if given permission from the study hall/advisory teacher).
4. Advisory is a time for students to participate in team building and character education activities.

Student Agendas

Your child will receive an agenda to use throughout the school year. WJHS students must present their agenda to the teacher to receive a pass to leave the room and should carry it with them throughout the day. We encourage our team members to keep track of all homework assignments and class work in the space provide for each day of the school year. Students are expected to treat their agenda as a textbook, keeping it in good shape and using it the entire year. Replacements are available in the office for \$6 each.

- **Students and parents are responsible for reading the handbook provided at the beginning of the agenda**, which contains important school and district information and policies.
- **Please sign the front of the agenda, indicating that you have read and understand the policies.**

Contact Information

Your child's team teachers may be contacted at school by e-mail or telephone. Parent contacts and conferences are scheduled during our team time. E-mail is a fantastic way to get a response to a question or concern.

School Phone Number: 939-3457
Team Time: 8:45 – 9:32

Teacher	Subject	E-mail
Mr. Beck	Language / Social Studies	mbeck@wvusd5.net
Mrs. Burton	Reading / Language	jburton@wvusd5.net
Mrs. Espenschied	Science	lespenschied@wvusd5.net
Mrs. Hensiek	Math	ahensiek@wvusd5.net
Mrs. Paulissen	Resource	spaulissen@wvusd5.net
Mrs. Bryant	Social Studies	jbryant@wvusd5.net

STI

Waterloo Junior High utilizes STI. STI is a program that allows teachers to enter grades and keep a grade book. Parents and students can access STI at any time to look at individual student grades. STI can be accessed through a link on the district web page at www.wvusd5.net. If questions arise regarding STI grades, please contact that teacher directly with concerns. If you have questions about your username or password, please contact the office secretaries.

Team Website

The Lightning Team Website is:

http://www.wcusd5.net/cms/teacher_pages/lightning

This can be accessed by going to the district website:

<http://www.wcusd5.net>. From there, select **Our Schools** and choose **Waterloo Junior High School**. Once you are on the Junior High School Website, click on the **Staff** link and choose **Meet Team Lightning**. From there, you can see each teacher's web page, the homework for the week, and other school information.

Student Profile

Finally, please take the time to fill out the final page of this packet. Return only the last sheet to your child's advisory teacher. This information will allow us to gain a little bit of information about your child and provide thorough contact information in the event we need to contact you this year.

Thank you,

Team Lightning