Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of my grading policy for your 7th grade English Language Arts (ELA) student. Part of what we will learn this year is the amount of effort put into work equals the level of success achieved. We have also discussed that you can and you will succeed if you do your best. To help my students realize their full potential I have implemented the following grading policy:

1. Failure of any kind will not be tolerated. If the student receives any grade lower than a 70 “C” on any homework or classwork assignment, they will be required to redo the assignment from the beginning.
2. The student will do the assignment over as many times as it takes for them to realize that they can and will succeed if they do their best.
3. There are two different options for redoing an assignment:
4. They will remain after school with me until 5 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday at which time they must promptly be picked up or have alternate transportation arranged.\*
5. They will attend help session on Monday morning at 7:45 AM. (Each student has been given a permanent pass to attend which is stapled in their agenda.)\*
6. Work more than one (1) day late will receive a reduced grade of no higher than a 70.

\*Please indicate if you would prefer your student come in early or stay late by signing this notice next to the option you choose.

It is my goal and my hope that once the students realize that they will have to repeat assignments until they are at least a 70 “C”, they will learn that it is actually easier to do their best the first time and experience a high level of success.

**There are no exceptions to this policy.**

Tests will **not** be redone. My original policy remains in place for that. The students will be given the opportunity to make corrections for all incorrect answers and explain why the new answer they chose is correct. They will receive half credit back for each answer corrected ***and*** explained if turned in to me the following day. **This opportunity does not apply to quizzes.**

**Class Website: *cwhaley.weebly.com***

 Please check this website often as it will be updated regularly with most class materials which can be printed out if your child has lost their copy.

Please email me at whaleyc@fultonschools.org or call the school at 770.552.4970 if you have any questions.

I know that your students will be successful here at Sandy Springs Charter Middle School.

Thank you for your help with this policy.

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7th Grade ELA