

**8th Graders are the HEROES of Union Middle School!**



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Dear Student and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to 8th grade! We are thrilled to be here and to begin this school year with you and your student. Our goal as teachers is to help each student gain the skills, attitudes, and experiences for success in achieving personal and academic goals. This year at Union, your student will be taught by a team of teachers who are dedicated to your student’s cross-curricular academic success!

* **Assignments:** All assignments not turned in on the due date are *late* and will not receive a score higher than 80%. Late work of any kind will not be accepted after the “drop-dead day,” one week before the end of each trimester. Incomplete work will be handed back to the student to finish and will be considered late. Students have one day per excused absence to complete work missed without penalty. Accommodations on late work can only be made through teacher/student contracts and/or vacation contracts thereby assuring equitable accommodations to student and teacher.
* **Tests & Quizzes:** Tests and quizzes are vital assessments of your student’s level of understanding and weigh heavily on his/her grade. If your student is absent on a test/quiz day, it is his/her responsibility to make-up that test/quiz. If a student scores below 80% and would like to re-take the test/quiz, it is his/her responsibility to do so before or after school by appointment with the teacher. All test re-takes will receive a score no higher than 80% (teacher discretion).

A    94% - 100% B    83% - 86% C    73% - 76% D    63% - 66%

A-   90% - 93% B-   80% - 82% C-   70% - 72% D- 60% - 62%

B+  87% - 89% C+  77% - 79% D+  67% - 69% F     0% - 59%

# Grading Procedure:

Grade percentages will follow the Union Middle School standard scale as found in the Student Handbook on the UMS website. It is included it below. Students in honors classes are expected to maintain a B grade or better.

Colleen Christensen – US History

Carlie Allred – English LA

Lynne Rand – English LA

Eryn Hatch – Math 8

Jenn Muir – STEM 8

Your child’s progress/grades can be viewed daily on SkyWard through the UMS website at unionmiddle. canyonsdistrict.org.

**If you do *not* have regular access to the Internet/email please check the box below** so that we know to communicate with you through other means.

# Dealing with Unusual Circumstances:

In the event that a student has problems beyond his/her control which are not covered by this statement, the teacher will meet with the student, and, if necessary, the student’s parent/guardian, in order to come to an equitable solution.

------------------------------------------- Detach and return signed portion below to teacher--------------------------------------------

**Please review with your student and sign below. We look forward to getting to know you & your student!**

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



# Attendance Procedures:

* Students not in class within 10 minutes of the bell ringing are considered absent for that period. Parents are responsible for contacting the attendance office before Friday at 3 PM to excuse an absence.
* **Tardiness:** Students must be in their seats working on their Starter when the bell rings or they are tardy. Excessive tardiness will affect your student’s academic and/or citizenship grade.

# Required Materials:

* 2” three-ring binder to be used in all four of the student’s core classes (team binder)
* Set of 5-tab dividers to go into team binder
* Scientific Calculator (TI-34 or its equivalent)
* Pencils, Pens, 1 Highlighter, Colored Pencils
* Lined Paper

**All materials are due by Monday, August 26, 2013**

# Textbooks:

Students are expected to use e-textbooks that are available online for at home assignments. If students do not have regular access to the Internet at home, they can check out a book from the library before/after school or during lunch.

# Student Conduct:

Students will be expected to follow the CATS CODE and Student Expectations as found on page 6 of the student handbook found on the UMS website. Students who display inappropriate behavior will be subject to disciplinary consequences outlined in the handbook.

* **Starters:** When students enter the classroom, they should begin working on their Starter. Starters are required in all classes and must be completed even if missed due to absence. Each day’s Starter can be found on their teacher’s website and/or board.