

Our Vision: “As a result of rigorous, high quality first instruction, evidence-based practices, and authentic relationships, students will achieve tremendous academic growth and demonstrate preparedness for college/career pathways.”



September 2021

Dear Fern Bacon Families,

Welcome to another school year! My name is Mr. Ryan Fernald, and I will be your child's seventh grade Language Arts and World History teacher. I am a proud graduate of The University of Tennessee, and I have been teaching in the SCUSD for 17 years. My elementary, middle school, and high school years as a student were spent in SCUSD, so being able to give back to the community where I attended school is of personal importance to me.

This past 18 months has been hard on all of us! So, my goal is to help your student reacclimate to in person learning, help them feel comfortable at Fern Bacon, and do my best to help them be successful.

Language Arts Curriculum

This year we will read a variety of texts that include novels, short stories, poems, informational text, images, and videos. We will require your child to think critically, analyze information, form arguments, and use evidence and justification to support those arguments. Our primary focus will be that our students will be reading and writing/typing ideas everyday.

History Curriculum

As students strive to master the Common Core standards in History-Social Science, they will be working with multiple texts focused on geography, Rome, Islam, West Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas. Students will study the social, cultural, and technological changes that occurred in the years A.D. 500-1789, and examine how societies developed and fell apart.

Grading Policy

The grading policy for 7th grade ELA and History will be posted on Infinite Campus. Our grading for ELA and History will primarily focus on the progress students make on the priority standards we are covering throughout the year. We want students to see value in continuing to work on standards that they may not have been successful with the first time around.

I want the students to know that percentages and letter grades CAN change based on their progress towards success on prioritized standards that they will have multiple opportunities to show proficiency.

A	90-100	Exceeds Standard
B	80-89	Meets Standard
C	70-79	Working to Meet Standard
D	60-69	Nearly Meets Standard
F	50-59	Not Met Standard

Those grades will be determined by 4 grading areas:

1. Participation in Synchronous Time 20%

2. Productivity in Asynchronous Time 10%
3. Progress Towards Proficiency 35%
4. Portfolio Work (Larger Assignments) 35%

Student Materials

Students will need a computer/laptop. If you do not have one yet, Fern Bacon will lend you one so that every student has access to technology. They will also need a notebook we will be using in both ELA and History. Each student will have a Google account to be used for educational purposes, and Google Classroom will be the platform our students will be using nearly every day. You can expect your child to be working with computers to perform a variety of tasks, such as Google classroom and docs, typing writing assignments, websites, social media posts, slideshows, podcasts, and more.

Technology

Fern Bacon is committed to preparing every student for college and 21st century careers. To help our students compete in this high-tech age, we ensure that all students will have access to a laptop computer.

Student/Teacher/Parent Agreement:

In my class, I am committed to building positive relationships with my students and families, and this is of the utmost importance to me. I am dedicated to creating a safe, respectful, and positive learning environment where I act as a role model and leader.

I expect my students to be at school consistently, be prepared to learn, and be a positive influence in the Fern Bacon community. I expect my students to treat themselves, their classmates, and our school with respect, and follow the expectations I have given them. **HOWEVER, IF YOUR STUDENT IS SHOWING SIGNS OF ILLNESS, PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME!**

I hope for this to be a meaningful school year, and I look forward to meeting all of our families. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 395-5340 or email me at Ryan-Fernald@scusd.edu if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. Fernald
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