

The cover features a light pink sweater with a dark blue horizontal stripe across the chest, set against a background of orange and light pink shapes. The text is centered on the sweater.

*Seventh Grade
Handbook
NLA-57L
2022-2023*

Meet Your Teacher

Welcome

Welcome to 7th grade!
My name is Mrs. Alvarez. I'm so excited to be your 7th grade teacher for the 2022 - 2023 school year.

About Me

My husband and I got married August 6th and I am so excited to start my second year teaching as a newlywed. I have a Bachelor's of Middle School Education and have a passion for this age group. I've been a part of the NLA Family since 2014. First as a student, and now as a teacher!

Contact Me

If you would like to contact me please feel free to email me at:
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Hello



Favorites

Food : Chick-fil-A
Snack: Goldfish
Drink: Coffee
Movie: Anything 'Marvel'
Game: Phase 10
Book: "Anne of Green Gables"
Sport: Baseball (Cubs)
Candy: Kit-Kat
Store: Target
Music: Worship/Jazz
Color: Yellow
Allergies: Peanuts
Birthday: 1/10

Pledges

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for Whose kingdom it stands, one Savior, crucified, risen and coming again, with life and liberty for all who believe.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I will hide its word in my heart that I might not sin against God.

Christian Leadership Training

Devotions: Principles of Godly living will be presented for class discussion.

Chapel: During Chapel sessions students are encouraged to participate in worship and singing.

ACADEMICS

Curriculum:

Seventh grade has the unique opportunity to utilize both the Abeka Curriculum and Ignitia. Language Arts, Science, and Math will be through Abeka Curriculum. History and Bible will be done using Ignitia.

Honor Roll:

“A” Honor Roll: Student must have a 92% average or better. No C’s permitted. Ignitia curriculum requires academic balance*.

“B” Honor Roll: Student must have an 83% average or better. One C is permitted. Some non-core subjects are excluded in determination. Ignitia curriculum requires academic balance*.

Grading Scale: All Subjects

A	94-100
A-	92-93
B+	89-91
B	86-88
B-	83-85
C+	81-82
C	78-80
C-	76-77
D+	73-75
D	70-72
D-	68-69
F	0-67

*Academic balance – which is paramount in the Ignitia program- requires a student to accomplish enough work, while maintaining a passing grade point average. However, for a student to be *on target* for grade promotion the work accomplished must be in the correct chronological level. For this reason, if a student does not finish all the work assigned to them in a quarter, that work, plus all new assignments, must be completed in the following quarter in order for honor roll to be attained. Honor roll status always requires a student to be academically balanced **for the year**. Occasionally, honor roll requirements vary depending on individual student’s chronological position in the curriculum. At such times, honor roll criteria are at the supervisor’s discretion.

SCHOOL POLICIES

Attendance:

Students in attendance less than 3 ½ hours will be counted absent for the day. Students in attendance for 3½ – 6 hours will be counted for ½ day. Students in attendance for 6-7 hours will be counted present for the day.

Tardies:

Any student arriving between 8:30-9:30 A.M. will be counted tardy. If arriving after 9:30, students **must** report to the school office before coming to class.

Absences:

For record keeping purposes, when an absence occurs, the office requires communication from a parent or guardian stating he/she was or is aware of the student's absence. This communication must take place no later than the day a student returns from the absence or he/she will not be permitted to return to class and additional class time missed will be reflected in the attendance record period.

Extended Care:

If a student arrives on campus more than 15 minutes before school starts or remains on campus more than 15 minutes after school ends, he/she must report to extended care if not under the supervision of a faculty member. Extended care begins at 7:00 A.M. and ends at 5:00 P.M.

SCHOOL POLICIES

Students **MUST ALWAYS** conduct themselves in a manner becoming a Christian.

School Rules:

1. Gum chewing is **NOT** allowed during school hours.
2. **OFF LIMIT** areas: other students' desk, supervisor's desk, computer, and files, the classroom when Staff is not present, cars and parking lot.
3. All media **MUST** be approved by the supervisor
4. Defaced or damaged property will be replaced at student's expense
5. Guns, matches, lighters, knives and radios are not allowed on campus.
6. A student is expected to keep his/her hands off other students. No fighting of any kind is allowed.
7. Conversation is to be clean and uplifting.
8. No lunch cups or food may come back to the classroom. Once lunch is over it is over.
9. Ice machine is off limits.
10. You are not allowed in the kitchen to get hot water or condiments.
11. Students should walk quietly in the hallways.

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Discipline:

Steps for most disciplinary actions:

First Offense- Verbal Warning

Second Offense- Notice of Concern through RenWeb

Third Offense- 30-minute detention and Notice of Concern

Fourth Offense- Sent to the Principal's office. Student calls parent/guardian and reports action/behavior.

Cell Phone Policy:

All phone calls **MUST** be made through the school office. This is limited to emergencies or unavoidable circumstances. Students will not be pulled out of class to receive phone calls. All messages will be given to your child through the school office. All routine business should be arranged before arriving at school.

Cell phones will be allowed but must be turned in to Mrs. Alvarez between 8:30 and 3:30.

Cell phone use during school hours will result in an automatic detention.

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DETENTION:

Detention is issued when deemed necessary by the supervisor. Blatant disregard for authority and rules as well as repetition of minor offenses could earn detention. The teacher reserves the right to discipline with detention when the integrity and authority of the school is undermined.

When a student earns a detention, a “Corrective Action Slip” is sent home to be signed by a parent/guardian. The slip must then be returned the next school day, at which time the detention will be served. A student’s failure to return a signed detention slip will result in additional detention time. Detentions will be served at the discretion of the supervising teacher. Detention time served in one day will not exceed one hour. Should the detention be for more than one hour, the detention will continue over the course of consecutive days.

During detention, special character-building assignments may be prescribed. These assignments will never include homework, as we do not wish to make homework a punishment. Excessive detention earnings could result in expulsion.

SCHOOL POLICIES

UNIFORMS:

Infractions of dress code guidelines include the failure to wear one component of the uniform.

First Infraction: Verbal Warning

Second Infraction: Yellow Uniform Violation slip that MUST be signed and returned the following day.

Third Infraction: Pink Uniform Slip is sent home.

- Any infraction after two written warnings will result in student being sent to the office until the proper uniform can be brought to him/her.

(Please see Parent Handbook for uniform specifics)

Dress code on Non-Uniform Days:

1. **Ladies-** skirts or dresses that are below bottom of knee-cap when standing or sitting, slits are below bottom of knee-cap, not excessively tight.
2. **Gentlemen-** long pants (not extremely baggy)
3. **Shirts** - sleeves need to be at least uniform length, no cap sleeves, neckline is no lower than two finger's width below the clavicle, any writing or emblems must not be offensive or in opposition to biblical principles.
4. No cosmetics- eye shadow, lip color, nail color, etc.
5. Gentleman's hair must be standard, conservative cut, and face must be clean-shaven.
6. No altering of natural hair color
7. No jewelry. One ring (class ring or purity)
8. No hats are to be worn in the building even on non-uniform days.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURE

Homework:

- Students will be assigned homework on most school days, even if it is only to study. Students may have a chance to complete some of this work throughout the day.
- Any classwork that is not finished IS then homework and MUST be completed by the next school day.*
- Students DO receive a grade for completed homework.

***Incomplete Ignitia work does count as homework and MUST be completed before the next school-day or it will be considered a missed homework assignment.**

Unfinished Homework:

- 1st day – Verbal Warning
- 2nd day – Notice of Concern
- 3rd day- Automatic Detention and Notice of Concern

Quiz and Test Procedure:

Quizzes and tests should be taken seriously. Student's will be able to use their notes while taking Ignitia quizzes. Abeka quizzes will be open notes at Mrs. Alvarez's discretion. ALL tests are to be taken without the aid of notes. Test questions will require critical thinking and overall understanding of concepts.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURE

Communication:

Every Monday students will be sent home with their Teacher/Parents' Communicator. This will contain tests, quizzes and other classwork or information from the previous week.

- Please return the folder complete with the signature sheet stating that you have reviewed the contents of the folder.
- The signature sheet **MUST** be signed indicating that you are aware of your student's progress.
- If you have any concerns about your child's progress, please contact me as soon as possible.

All email correspondence, class announcements, and behavior notices will be sent through RenWeb.

Hot Lunches:

Hot Lunches can be ordered online for \$4.00.

Please be sure to order lunches at least 24 hours in advance! Emergency lunches are \$5.00.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURE

Snacks and Drinks:

Snacks and water bottles are welcome in the classroom! Please make sure to bring a water bottle with a **closed lid** if you wish to drink water throughout the day!

Parties/Birthday Treats:

Criteria for snacks brought in for Birthdays or Parties:

1. Must be store bought.
2. For birthday's, please make sure the class treats are brought in before school starts at 8:30.
3. Please make sure the food brought in is peanut free.

Allergies:

Due to a severe peanut allergy this classroom will need to be peanut free.

This means **no open packages** of peanuts and/or peanut butter.

Please be mindful of this when packing classroom snacks!