ROUND ROCK ISD
MCNEIL HIGH SCHOOL

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English Language Development and Acquisition 1

Course Description:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year at McNeil High School. Our focus in this class is advancing English language skills with an emphasis on becoming stronger readers, thinkers, and writers. This class is designed to be adaptable to the individual needs of students as they advance their knowledge and use of the English language and prepare for college and career readiness.

Topics of Study/Themes:

In this class, we will study

- Unit 1: Nice to Meet You
- Unit 2: Welcome to School
- Unit 3: My School Day
- Unit 4: My Family
- Unit 5: Celebrations and Food
- Unit 6: Taking Care of Myself
- Unit 7: Weather and Season
- Unit 8: Relationships with Others
- Unit 9: My Friends and I

Grading Policies:

Grading Scale:

Major grades = 50%
Daily grades = 50%

Generally, 8-10 daily grades and 2-3 major grades will be taken each nine weeks.

Late Work Policy:

Major Work (Projects/ Full-Process Papers): After one block, 10 points will be deducted from the grade earned based on the rubric for the assignment. After 2 blocks, 15 points will be deducted. Beyond three blocks, the teacher may exercise their own discretion.

Daily Work: Because daily work is designed to help students practice new concepts and to prepare for major assignments, daily work is expected on the assigned due date. However, daily work may be accepted up to a week before the marking period for a maximum grade of 70 percent.

Absences:

If the student is absent, it is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher regarding any missed assignments or class work.

Cheating:

Academic dishonesty is a serious issue. If a student cheats (copies from another student, copies from the internet, accesses materials in order to gain an advantage over other students), there are consequences. The academic dishonesty policy can be found in the Round Rock ISD website and in our Schoology course.

Re-Test/Re-do Policy:

Students will be able to re-test/re-do a major assignment for a maximum of a 90 if the assignment was turned in completed to the best of the student's ability on-time and after attending a mandatory Flex tutorial session with their teacher. Any other re-testing and re-doing will be conducted at the teacher's discretion.

Classroom Policies:

At McNeil, students are expected to be *safe*, *respectful*, and *responsible* at all times. In our classroom, we follow all posted school rules.

Classroom Expectations:

Be Respectful:	Welcome everyone. Use kind, professional words at all times and in all languages. Acknowledge opinions other than your own. Use shared materials appropriately and take care of our shared space.
Be Responsible:	Bring materials and homework on time. Pay attention. Put away unnecessary technology devices unless asked to do otherwise.
Be Honest:	Tell the truth. Speak up when you want more information or time. Ask for help. Tell me or a partner when you need something.
Be Kind:	Consider your actions and your words. **Never** use derogatory or insulting language toward others. Understand that we are all different and this is what makes us special.

Arrival and Dismissal of Class:

As per school policy, students are not allowed to leave during the first or last 10 minutes of class unless a pass is provided (doctor's note, etc).

Tardy Policy:

Each student is expected to come to class on time and ready to learn. Three tardies in one semester is the equivalent to an absence. Please keep this in mind if students plan to exempt finals and receive course credit.

Tutorials:

Students are welcome to attend tutorial sessions during FLEX and by appointment before and after school.

Online Resources:

Schoology

Most assignments will be posted in Schoology. Classroom assignments will also be organized into a Schoology calendar to track due dates and for ease of access. Students should check Schoology every day.

Home Access Center (HAC):

Home Access Center will always be the official grade that will appear on progress reports and report cards. Students can also use Home Access Center to check attendance, view their schedule, and see transcripts and class rank when they are posted.

Communication/ Email:

Please check your school email every day. I will email students (and often parents) regularly about assignments. Email is a good way for students and parents to contact me with questions. Parents may also communicate with me via TalkingPoints. This application allows us to communicate short text messages in many different languages. More information will be sent to parents near the beginning of the school year.

Classroom Supplies:

Supplies:

Pen, pencil, and paper
Notebook for Journal Writing- (NO RESTRICTIONS - find one you like!)
Folder or binder to organize papers.
Your district-issued Chromebook, fully charged each day.
Supplies are needed as soon as possible.

In-Class (Assigned) Novels:

The English department provides novels to check out when studying class novels. If a book is lost or damaged, students are responsible to pay for a replacement. The cost of replacement will be noted on the checkout form. Students are always welcome to buy their own copies of class novels if they prefer.

Independent Reading:

Please feel free to borrow books from my classroom library. Just make sure to return them in the same condition you found them. Please note that these books are the personal property of a teacher (not of McNeil High School or RRISD), and some books may not be listed on the approved RRISD reading list.

Students will also have the opportunity to check out books from the school library using their student IDs. These books must be returned by a specific date, and students are responsible for paying for any lost books.