

English I Syllabus

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Course Overview

Grade 9 • Credit: 1.0 • TEKS §110.36

Focus: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking, Critical Thinking.

Objectives (TEKS)

- Proficiency in language skills (vocab, grammar, conventions).
- Analyze fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama.
- Respond critically in writing & discussion.
- Examine author's purpose, tone, rhetoric.
- Compose narrative, expository, persuasive works.
- Conduct research using ethical sources.

Course Structure

Unit	Focus
1	Foundations, diagnostics, routines
2	Short fiction, literary elements
3	Author's craft & purpose
4	Nonfiction & argumentation
5	Composition cycle
6	Research project
7	Reflection & portfolio

Assessment & Policies

- Reading: quizzes, analysis of texts.
- Writing: drafts, essays, projects.
- Speaking/Listening: presentations, seminars.
- Research: bibliographies, presentations.
- Late work accepted (3 days, penalty).
- Plagiarism prohibited; citations required.
- Parent updates shared each 3-week period or upon parent request.
- Grievances follow district policy (SB 12).