

11th Grade Academic English

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Course Description

As participants in English 11, students will have the opportunity to read, think, write, present, and discuss daily. By the end of the year, students will leave this course as better writers, stronger communicators, and more critical thinkers about literature.

Student Requirements and Responsibilities

1. **Be on time for class.** Be in your assigned seat at the start of class. Important information is provided at the beginning of each class. Visiting the Commons Cafe is not an acceptable excuse for being late. Upon entering the classroom, students are expected to read the daily slide, begin the bell ringer, and turn in homework assignments to the turn-in bin. Beyond three unexcused tardies, the consequence will be detention.
2. **Be prepared for class.** This means having all your materials with you, including your Chromebook and charging cord. I will supply extension cords if your battery is low. Being prepared also means having thoughtfully read and completed homework assignments.
3. **Participate positively.** Disrespect shown to the classroom, teacher, substitute, or others in the room will not be tolerated.
4. **Do not be distracted by your cell phone.** It is against school policy to have a cell phone in class. Phones should be placed in the cell phone caddy and left there for the duration of class. Smart watches are extensions of cell phones and should not be utilized during class. Your parents will be notified if your phone becomes a distraction to you and your learning.
5. **Students should wear headphones/earbuds only when instructed by the teacher.** Refusal to remove headphones will result in an after-school detention. Your parents or guardians will be notified if your headphones distract you from learning.
6. **Be a good digital citizen.** Chromebooks should not be used unless directed by the teacher. Do not deviate from the prescribed web pages, and work on English assignments while in English class. GoGuardian will be utilized. Remember that the use of Chromebooks is a privilege.

Students will begin each quarter with a bank of **30 Classroom Courtesy and Respect Points**. Points will be lost for not following the student requirements and responsibilities. Once a participation point(s) is lost, there is NO chance to earn it back.

What is Graded in This Course

Your overall grade will be determined by your ability to perform in all aspects of the classroom. While I do my best to set you up for success, the grade you earn is ultimately up to you. I update PowerSchool several times per week. It is *your* responsibility to check PowerSchool and to know your grade. All missing grades will be entered as “zero” until the assignment is submitted and a missing work form has been completed on Google Classroom.

Fiction Friday

On select Fridays, students will participate in independent reading time. The goal of independent reading time is to increase the volume of reading done by students during the year and to develop lifelong readers.

I do not censor the books students choose for their independent reading, nor have I read all of the books in my classroom library. It is expected that each student chooses books that are compatible with the family's values and that the student's parents would support if asked. Students are welcome to bring in books from home or the library. It is not acceptable to choose a different book from the shelf each class and return it at the end of the class period. That is not what adult readers do. It is fine to abandon a book after a few days. It is also acceptable for students to continue to read their independent reading books at home. Book donations are always welcome.

Students who sign out a book from the classroom library are to be responsible for that book. Not returning the book or returning the book damaged beyond repair will result in the student replacing the book.

Supplies

Each student is required to bring an organizer (folder, binder, etc.) designated for English class, a writing utensil, a composition notebook (teacher-provided), and their school-supplied Chromebook, along with their independent reading book, to class every day.

Submitting Assignments

Assignments and related attachments will be posted to Google Classroom and on the Daily Slide. Assignments are due on or before the date posted to Google Classroom. **Unless otherwise noted, all assignments are due at the start of class.**

Excused absence due to illness or extenuating circumstances (as per district policy)

Make-up work for EXCUSED absences is to be completed **promptly**. This is considered to be one day per day of absence plus one. Assignments collected on days your absences were UNEXCUSED will be worth zero points.

If you miss a major assignment, such as an in-class constructed response, test, or quiz, you must schedule a time to make it up in my classroom within **one week**. If you do not make the effort to do so, you are forfeiting your points for that assignment, and you will not be able to make it up.

Assignments NOT submitted on Time

If you were present when the assignment was posted and when it was due, but you turned it in late, you may still receive credit, but the most that late work will be worth is 92%. **Late work will be accepted at 92% for ten school days.**

Late work submitted after **ten days but prior to five days before the end of the quarter will be worth 70%** of the full credit. After that, it will be worth zero points.

Turning in a blank document on Google Classroom will result in the student earning a zero on the assignment, and the student will not be able to redo the assignment.

Assignments turned in on time will be graded promptly. Assignments turned in late will be graded at any time during those nine weeks. *Note: This may affect your athletic eligibility.*

No late work will be accepted five school days before the end of the quarter.

Work Expectation

This is an 11th-grade Academic English class. It is expected that all students will capitalize the first word of each sentence, use end punctuation, and maintain proper spacing between words and sentences. On digital assignments, students will make corrections based on grammar and spelling checks, which are automated by Google. Handwritten work must be legible. *Consistent failure to do so will result in the work being returned for the student to make the appropriate corrections. Late points will apply.*

Revision

If a student is unsatisfied with a grade received on a coursework essay, they may revise that paper within the grading period in which it was assigned. Due dates for each revision will be provided for each individual revision. *This policy excludes late assignments.*

Need to Know

If anything is affecting your ability to complete your school work, please let me know. Unless you give the school counseling office permission to share personal information, we do not know if something serious is happening in your life. Anything you choose to share with me will be handled professionally.

Academic Integrity

If a student is found cheating, they will receive a zero for that assignment and will be subject to disciplinary actions. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, the following: copying another student's work, allowing a student to copy his or her work, plagiarizing from a website, not citing the appropriate source, venturing to another website when using the Chromebook for an assessment or assignment, and using AI. (Please see the IHS Plagiarism Contract)

Exceptionality Adaptations

I have learning disabilities, so I know what it is like to struggle in school. If there is ever a time that you are struggling, please come to me as soon as possible so that accommodations can be made. We will work together to find a common solution that will ease your struggles. Please do not wait until too much damage has been done or until the end of the marking period to ask for help. Remember, your teachers are here to help you.