**2023-24 English 1 Ms. Hinman**

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**Course Description**

English 1 is a year-long course divided into 2 semesters. It is a combination of literature, writing, speaking, and research activities to introduce, develop, and maintain language skills. **It is a required class for graduation**.

**Classroom Expectations**

* Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be a Graduate, Be a Knight

• **Be prepared:** bring your materials to class. This includes notebook, paper, assignments, pen/pencil.

• **Behavior:** this classroom will aim to create a safe environment for *all* students, teachers and other adults. It is my job as your teacher to watch out for every student, not just you and what you think benefits you. Be respectful of all people at all times.

* **Cell phones/Ear buds:** My policy is “Off and Away”. Phones and headphones must be stored deep in your bag. If I need you to use it for an assignment, I’ll let you know. **If you are using either of these devices without permission, you will be issued a detention and/or asked to “park it”.**
* **Communication:** You are expected to be an active participant in discussion, and group projects.

DO NOT keep someone else from learning.

**Classroom codes: 3rd: uz5wy5q**

**5th: nfsetb 7th: xnksqai**

**General Course Requirements**

• Be prepared for class. Have something to write with, your notebook and any assignments completed.

* It is a privilege to leave the classroom, not a right. Please do not take advantage of my kindness by leaving the room for anything other than what you are asking.
* You are welcome to eat & drink in class, please do not leave garbage behind or be distracting to others.

**Materials**

* Some sort of notebook that has pockets and paper.
* Pens/pencils/Chromebook that is *charged*
* You! Attendance is crucial for your success.

**Grading**: grades & assignments will be updated weekly.

* Make-up work due to absence: It is *your* responsibility to make up missed work. Be sure to check Google Classroom!
* Late Work: Please adhere to all posted deadlines. Work turned in after posted deadlines may not be accepted.
* Assessments cannot be revised, but daily work can. No late grades for daily work (just the posted missing work deadlines), but assessments can be deducted.

**Participation:**

* My expectations for this are simple:
  + Listen to me when I am speaking
  + Work when I ask you to work

**Basic Principles Behind Scores**

| **4** | Masters basic and complex skills, and is able to use skills in new context, or with new  information, demonstrating understanding beyond what has been explicitly taught |
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| **3** | Exhibits proficiency of complex and basic skills |
| **2** | Masters basic skills but needs some guidance to elevate to proficiency. |
| **1** | Demonstrates basic skills with constant help and reminders. |
| **0** | Even with help, cannot demonstrate basic skills; or no information |

**Board approved texts we will be using in English 1:**

* ***St. Lucy’s Home for Girls Raised by Wolves* by Karen Russell**
* ***Letter One* by Rainer Maria Rilke**
* ***Letter Seven* by Rainer Maria Rilke**
* ***Black Swan Green* by David Mitchell**
* ***Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare**
* ***The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* by James Thurber**
* ***Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom and Science* by Marc Arronsonand Marina Budhos**
* ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian* by Sherman Alexie**

**Integrity Policy**

All of your work needs to be your own. The following information is in the student handbook and is a school wide policy.

You may **NOT:**

1. Use AI/ChatGPT - teachers are now able to check if this has been used
2. Use each other unless explicitly directed to do so.
3. Plagiarize from any outside sources.

**First offense:** You will get a 0% on the assignment + discipline referral + Parent/Guardian will be notified.

**Second offense:** You will get a 0% on the assignment + discipline referral + Parent/Guardian will be notified + conference with admin.

**Third offense:** You will get a 0% on the assignment + discipline referral + Parent/Guardian will be notified + conference with admin + possible loss of credit for the course.