

English 9 CP Syllabus

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Welcome to your first year of high school English! The expectations outlined in this syllabus will help you to be successful this year.

Course of Study

The focus of this course includes close reading, textual analysis, application of rhetorical skills, advancement of research/documentation skills, and acquisition of higher level grammar/composition skills. Argumentative, narrative, expository, and creative written works plus a variety of oral presentation opportunities will prepare you to be active participants in your immediate community and leaders in the global society in which we live.

(Tentative) Texts

Romeo and Juliet
To Kill a Mockingbird

Of Mice and Men
The Odyssey

Expectations

This classroom should be a safe learning space for all students. Everyone should contribute to make the classroom a positive environment. To that end, there are certain expectations in place. Students should expect me to be: helpful, respectful, responsible, prepared, knowledgeable, and interested. Students should also expect me to have high, but achievable, expectations of them. I expect students to be respectful and responsible, to be prepared for class, to follow the class rules and procedures, and to try their personal best every day.

Class Rules

- Respect everyone and everything on campus
- Listen respectfully to others while they are speaking
- Come to class prepared for what we will be doing
- Follow school policies such as dress code
- No gum in class
- No disruptive electronics (cell phones, iPods, etc.)
- No inappropriate language in speaking or writing
- Water is the only drink allowed
- No bathroom passes given during the first or last 10 minutes of class or during direct instruction
- Be on time
- Stay in your seat until you are dismissed

Food

Food will be allowed in class if, and only if, students are able to keep the classroom neat and clean. The first time there is a mess, snacking privileges will be taken away for all students in all periods. **Any food containing nuts is not allowed in this classroom.**

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Grading Scale	Grading Percentages*
A 90-100%	Tests 25%
B 80-89%	Essays/Writing 25%
C 70-79%	Projects/Presentations 20%
D 60-69%	Classwork/Homework 15%
F 0-59%	Speaking and Listening 15%

*Percentages are subject to change

Materials

Any text that we are reading
Pens and pencils
Lined paper in a binder or from a notebook

All assignments, both in progress and due
A folder or binder to keep handouts in
Highlighters

Absences

Students are responsible for finding out what they have missed when they are absent. Handouts will be located in the While You Were Out Binder. One day for makeup is allowed for each day of absence. Absolutely NO makeup work is accepted after the end of a unit of study, even if the absence was excused. If students have questions about what was assigned in their absence, they may consult another dependable student or ask me before or after school or through email.

Out of Class Papers and Projects

All major assignments are due on your desk at the beginning of the period on the date due, if the assignment is a paper copy. Since each major assignment is assigned well in advance, the paper is still expected to be submitted, even in the event of absence. A friend or parent should bring the work to school, or the work may be emailed to me. If there is an emergency such that this is not possible, I expect a note from a parent/guardian or a doctor.

If you need help printing something, you must see me outside of the regular class period and before the last day that the paper is due. I will NOT print papers on the final due date.

Late Work

Late work will be accepted with the possibility of partial credit until the end of that particular unit. The first week after an assignment is due, the assignment may be turned in with a 15% reduction in points. Assignments may be turned in after the week an assignment is due for a 30% reduction in points.

Due Dates

Assignments that are submitted electronically must be submitted by 11:59 PM on the date due in order to be considered on time. Assignments to be turned in on paper will be due at the beginning of class on the due date.

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School Rules

All school rules apply, including rules regarding dress code, tardy policy, academic honesty policy, and the drink in the classroom policy (**bottled water only**). The school's tardy policy will be enforced; therefore, students are expected to be on time and seated at their desks when the bell rings. All school rules can be found in the student handbook.

Academic Honesty Policy

Cheating or plagiarism of any kind is unacceptable. Any case of cheating/plagiarism will result in a zero for the assignment, and administration will be notified. Please see the Academic Honesty Policy on the Inderkum High School website for more information. Cheating/plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Copying class work or homework
- Looking at a classmate's quiz or test
- Verbal or nonverbal communication with a classmate during a quiz or test
- Copying an essay from the Internet or another student