**English I Syllabus**

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**Course Description:**

English I focus is on four key elements of Language Arts: literature, writing, speaking, and critical thinking. The class is designed to help improve a student’s ability to think critically about a wide variety of literature, poetry, short stories, a drama, and novels. It aims to strengthen a student’s ability to use written language and reinforces their ability to prepare as well as deliver oral presentations /speeches. In addition to daily tasks, students are required to read library books of their choice.

**Grading Scale: A = 90-100** (Distinguished) **B = 80-89** (Proficient) **C = 70-79** (Emerging)

**D = 60-69 (**Underdeveloped) **F = Below 60 (**Incomplete)

**Semester 1:**

***Quarter 1- Quarter 2-***

***Inro Speech Mythology***

***Short Stories Literature Circles***

***Critical Reading and Organized Writing Narrative Writing***

**PACKER PRIDE … “Be a member of the Pack”**

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| **CCRR EXPECTATIONS** | **Classroom, Library, Commons, Hallway, Study Hall, Office, Outside/Social Media** |
| **Compassion**  Learners:  \* Show kindness and empathy  \* Consider information from different viewpoints with respect  \* Recognize their own and others’ perspectives and values | Follow directions, rules and procedures  Be considerate & respectful of others’ belongings  Take care of school property  **Treat everyone in a patient, positive and polite manner, including online interactions**  Speak and act with kindness  Clean up after yourself and others  Be truthful and honest |
| **Collaboration:**  Learners:  \* Recognize the value of and follow the rules of the classroom and school  \* Cooperate and work flexibly in partnerships, small, or large groups  \* Share responsibility and interact respectfully to be productive both individually and as a team  \* Understand ideas, opinions, and skills of others | Ask relevant questions  Be respectful in words and actions  Give and accept feedback  Use appropriate language, tone, and volume  **Be accountable for your actions**, including online behavior  **Participate as expected & work together**  Engage in active listening |
| **Responsibility:**  Learners:  \* Follow expectations for organization and participation  \* Engage curiosity and collaboration, taking pride in completing work well | Actively engage in and complete academic tasks  **Set positive, challenging goals leading to growth**  **Be punctual, prepared, and ready to learn**  Clean and organize our spaces  Use your time as well as others time wisely  Make good /appropriate choices when others might not |
| **Resiliency**  Learners   * Keep trying even when they struggle * Correct behaviors and “makes things right” * Reflects on learning and behaviors | * Assisting other students in the classroom * Coming to WIN sessions when needed * Communicating with teachers when going to be absent or when class is missed * Utilizes growth mindset and opportunities |

**Being a PACKER is something to be PROUD of! Following the CCR expectations always will bring you success!!**

**CCR grade:** As a part of the PACKER learning community, you will be required to ACT with INTEGRITY and follow the CCR’s. You will be receiving 15 CCR points that you must keep showing that you are following the PACKER expectations, if not you will lose those points and documentation will be made in the Power School. Being a PACKER is a privilege so try EVERYDAY to be the BEST PACKER you can be. ***Please refer to rubric in Schoology if questions.***

**Cheating and Plagiarism:**

With regard to cheating, the school policy will be enforced (located in student handbook) and your citizenship grade will be affected. **What is the difference between cheating versus plagiarism?**

* Cheating is the **intentional** use of someone else’s work being presented as one’s own work

(i.e. submitting another student’s essay and claiming it as your own).

* Accidental plagiarism is the **misrepresentation** of another’s work as one’s own (i.e. forgetting a works cited page; not attributing a quotation to the author; not understanding the correct method of paraphrasing a quotation).
* **AI work, such as Chat GPT, promotes institutionalized plagiarism. Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Rutgers notes that “[AI is] trained on massive amounts of data, most of which data has been scraped from the internet without any compensation or consent or knowledge of the person who generated the data.” As such, any work found to be produced by chatbots will be considered plagiarism. *This AI/ChatGPT policy is new territory and is evolving. It may change to align with English Department, WFHS, and/or WFPS policies.  Any changes will be announced.***

**Late Work/Eligibility**

* All work is valuable and needs to be completed to ensure understanding but **will be penalized as well as documented within your CCR grade in Power School.**
* **Assignment Revisions**: We value learning and striving to improve skills. However, the emphasis should be on improving current skills and aiming for mastery.Conference with one of your teachers to begin the revision process:
  + *Final assessments:* To revise a final unit assessment / project, all of the unit’s work must be turned in prior to redoing final assessment. In addition, all work submitted must meet minimum expectations (earn at least 60%) to show baseline skill comprehension.
  + *Formative assignments (Daily Activities / Homework):* Torevise a formative assessment, students must have all work turned in and attend a WIN session to conference with teachers / review material. Once this expectation has been met, students can redo the assignment. An assignment can be redone until minimum expectations are met.
  + Any assignment revisions do not take the place of current work (i.e., you must stay engaged in class, complete the current assignments prior to revisions, deadline for current work will not change to accommodate revisions)
  + If you are prioritizing revisions over current assignments (e.g. using class time to work on revisions, missing current assignments due to work being completed on revisions), you may lose the opportunity to complete the revisions for an updated grade.
  + Late work will be entered as a 0 until handed in. All late work is due by the end of the unit, after which the 0 will remain and credit will not be given.

**WFHS Food and Drink Policy:**

* + - * No food in hallways: this includes all lunch periods and instructional time. (It includes food purchased from school, brought from home, fast food, take-out, etc.)
    - Food in classrooms must be provided by teacher(s)
    - All drinks must be in a container with **non-spill lid** or will be thrown away.

**WFHS Cellphone Policy:**

* + - * Students shall not use any electronic device that in any way disrupts or detracts from the educational environment. **Electronic devices are inclusive of cell phones, smart watches, earbuds, and school-issued devices.**
    - Cell phones must be **out-of-sight and out-of-use** from the first bell to the last bell of all classes.
    - **Failure to comply with the cellphone policy will result in your phone being confiscated and turned into the office.**

**WFHS Attendance Policy:**

* + - It is expected that you are in class and on time each day. If you arrive to class after the designated start time for class, you will be marked tardy. Excessive tardiness to a class period (20 minutes or more) will result in a UV for the class period.
    - Every fifth unexcused tardy will convert to an unexcused absence and the student will be assigned one hour of detention. This is per class period and will adhere to the attendance policy.

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