



The guidelines below are designed to help you be most successful in your English class. Our goal is to prepare you for the academic skills covered in this course along with the professional skills you will need to thrive in high school and beyond.

Please read this contract carefully, share it with your family, and sign the final page.

Attendance

Your attendance from the beginning to the end of the period is mandatory. Be sure to be in your seat ready to work when the bell rings. Often, you will receive grades for class conversations, participation, and/or classwork. Therefore, your attendance is important to your mastery of content and to your grade.

General

Preparation

Always bring your charged Chromebook to class. If your Chromebook is not with you and charged, you may not be able to successfully complete classwork during the class period. Additionally, students should be prepared with a loose-leaf binder or spiral notebook and writing utensil(s).

Classroom Conduct

All members of the class community--including students and teachers--are expected to show respect for one another and the physical space.

Cell phones should not be used in class unless the teacher directs students to use them for instructional purposes.

Common Texts

At the beginning of the year, teachers will provide families with a list of texts (including films) the class will explore together. If you have an objection to a text on this list, please contact the teacher well before the class begins studying that text. Teachers will notify families of any additions or changes to the texts list during the school year.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the act of taking the words of another person and using them as one's own. This includes copying words or ideas from a book, magazine or other print source, downloading material from the Internet, and copying work from another student. Plagiarism is dishonest and does not show any evidence of your learning; therefore, plagiarized work will earn a score of zero.

Homework

In your English class, homework will be assigned to help you practice skills covered in class or prepare for an upcoming lesson. Your homework will never be busy work. Since each assignment is connected to daily lessons, homework must be submitted upon the due date.

Three late homework assignments will be accepted per marking period with a late point penalty. These assignments must be turned in the day after the due date.

Grades

Your grade is a reflection of your mastery of skill in this course. Your grade is composed of the following:

60-80%	Test/quizzes
10-30%	Performance tasks (projects, research papers, portfolios, presentations)
5-20%	Classwork/participation (do nows, class activities, exit tickets, discussions, group work)
5-20%	Homework

Revision is an essential part of the learning process, especially for major assignments. At different points throughout the year, students will receive feedback on their work and be informed of their opportunity to complete revisions. Revisions must be submitted within a week of receiving teacher feedback.

With the exception of an excused absence with an explanatory note, late work will not be accepted. In some cases, a student may arrange a meeting with the teacher to discuss special circumstances that may warrant an extension.

The best way to help yourself succeed in this course is to advocate for yourself. Contact your teacher when you need help or are confused.

Your teacher's email address is BLANK

Teachers will regularly update PowerSchool with students' grades. Families should monitor PowerSchool as well as Google Classroom to ensure that their student is completing their work successfully. Any academic or other concerns should be emailed to the teacher immediately.

Student's Signature: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____