

## SYLLABUS 2025-2026

English I & II  
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Conference: 1<sup>st</sup> Period 7:50-8:36

**Course Overview:** This course is designed to stimulate interest in rich, diverse literary and informational texts. Collaborative learning opportunities will prepare students far beyond the classroom walls.

### Grading Policy:

Test/Projects	50%
Daily/Quizzes	50%

**Tutorials:** Extra help is available before school at 7:30 Tuesdays and Wednesdays in my room. You will need to notify me ahead of time to schedule tutoring.

**Parent Conferences:** By appointment only. Please call or email to set up a time.

### Homework Policies:

Homework is to be turned in by the indicated due date. Absences are the only exception.  
It is the **student's responsibility** to make up any assignments missed due to an absence

### Late Policy:

- 1<sup>st</sup> day late – 15 points off
- 2<sup>nd</sup> day late – 30 points off
- 3<sup>rd</sup> day late – 45 points off

You will have the same number of days you were gone from class to make up the work.

### General Classroom Procedures

- When the bell rings, you should be seated with your pencil sharpened.
- Write your HOMEWORK and AGENDA in your planner as soon as you sit down
- Once you come into my classroom, you need to stay here. If you need to go back out for some reason you need to ask.
- **Bathroom-** Should be taken care of between classes
- Headings for papers should be in the upper right hand corner. Include your FIRST and LAST NAME, PERIOD# and DATE. Your heading must be on everything you turn in.
- We will be doing several projects/activities that require a wide use of supplies. Please remember that the class needs to be cleaned up before anyone leaves. Our class should look as clean when we leave as when we arrived.
- If you are **ABSENT**
  1. Get any notes that you missed from a friend or come see me privately on your own time (not during class)
  2. Complete any assignment that you missed and turn it in to me
- Phone Policy- follow district phone policy, they should be turned off and not visible. **OFF** and **OUT OF SIGHT**

### Plagiarism/Cheating/Copying:

Plagiarism/Cheating/Copying is unethical and will not be tolerated in any form. It is the unacknowledged use of someone else's research or written work and will result in a zero for the grade. Any student caught cheating in or outside of class on any assignments or tests will receive a zero and will not be allowed to make up the grade. Additionally, any student who allows someone to cheat by supplying answers or information will also receive a zero. Students who continue to cheat will be referred to the office.

### HOW TO TURN IN WORK IN MY CLASS

- If you do not have work to turn in, you are expected to get out a piece of notebook paper, write your heading on the top, and write out and complete the following two sentences:
  1. I do not have my work today because \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. I will turn it in on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proposed Reading List- \*Subject to change\***

English I

The Pearl by John Steinbeck

*Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare

The Odyssey by Homer

Acceleration by Graham McNamee

Night by Elie Wiesel

English II

Anthem by Ayn Rand

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Lord of the Flies by William Golding