

**Calallen ISD
2025-2026
Syllabus**

Campus: Calallen High School

Course and/or Grade Level: English II

Course Description: This course includes a review of basic grammar, clauses, paragraph and longer composition writing, poetry, two novels, a review of the short story, and more exposure to literature. Vocabulary study based on college entrance tests will be taught. Students will complete a research paper using MLA format.

Semester 1: August 13 – December 19, 2025

1st Quarter Topics	2nd Quarter Topics
Foundations of Reading, Responding, and Interacting with Literature & Analyzing and Composing Literary Text Poetry Analysis - Devices and Techniques - Creative Writing Memoir Study - Literary Analysis - Characterization, motif, theme Independent Reading - Self-selected Texts - Reflective Writing	Analyzing and Composing Informational and Argumentative Texts & Rhetorically Analyzing and Producing Argumentative Texts Drama Study - Elements of Drama - Close Reading - Argumentative/Correspondence Writing Rhetorical Analysis - Appeals and Devices - Informational Writing

Semester 2: January 5 – May 29, 2026

3rd Quarter Topics	4th Quarter Topics
Connecting Messages across Literary, Informational, and Argumentative Texts Elements of Fiction - Novel Study - Analyzing multiple genres Elements of Nonfiction - Analysis of Multimedia Sources	Researching, Synthesizing and Producing in Multiple Genres and Modes STAAR PREP - STAAR revising and editing, reading passages, and SCR and ECRs Elements of Research - Credibility and bias - MLA Format Guidelines - Argumentative Writing - Using a database

**Minor adjustment to the schedule may be made based on campus schedules and student needs.*