

Calallen ISD 2025-2026
Syllabus - Template

Campus: Calallen High School

Course and/or Grade Level: English I PAC

Course Description: This course is for those students who excel in language arts. In addition to the material covered in English I, problem solving techniques will be emphasized as will opportunities for the development of higher-level thinking skills. Vocabulary study based on college entrance tests will be taught. This course is intended to foster student responsibility for serious scholarship by providing opportunities to work at a pre-college level and to prepare for future AP classes.

Semester 1: August 13 – December 19, 2025

1st Quarter Topics	2nd Quarter Topics
Foundations of Literary Analysis, Allegory and Satire in Context with History and Author's Purpose; Composing Essays with Paired Texts Allegory & Satire Analysis - Characterization, Context, Logical Fallacies - Group Project/Presentation Short Story Unit - Literary Analysis - Compare/Contrast Essay - Motif, theme, symbolism Independent Reading - Self-selected Texts - Reflective Writing	Elements of Drama, Poetic Devices, and English Language Conventions; Composing a Formal Correspondence Essay Drama Study - Elements of Drama - Close Reading - Literary Analysis & Correspondence Essays Poetry Analysis - Devices and Techniques - Short constructed response practice Language Conventions - Grammar - Syntax - Vocabulary

Semester 2: January 5 – May 29, 2026

3rd Quarter Topics	4th Quarter Topics
In-Depth Research Project; Composing an Argumentative Essay with Counterclaims and Rebuttals Elements of Fiction - Novel Study - Analyzing multiple genres Research and Argument Unit - Research project (student choice) - Credibility and bias (Rhetorical choices) - MLA Format Guidelines - Using a database - Argumentative Essay	Presenting composed research information; Understanding Character and Plot Development STAAR PREP - STAAR revising and editing, reading passages, and SCRs and ECRs Archetypes, Plot, The Hero's Journey - Plot and characterization development, literary devices, language conventions - Research and Oral Presentation STAAR Test Date – April 7, 2026

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