# English III - 2026-2027

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**Students will need: Please have all supplies by Thursday, August 13, 2026**

- ☐ 1 - Composition Notebook
- ☐ Pencils/Pens
- ☐ 1 pack of College Ruled Notebook paper (150 sheets or more)

**Class Expectations**

Students are expected to:

- follow all district and campus guidelines at all times.
- be on time and prepared to learn.
- follow all of the expectations outlined in the Classroom Guidelines and Procedures.

**Technology**

Students are expected to adhere to all district and campus policies while using district-provided technology

**Course Overview**:

This writing-rich course explores literary works and written and oral language and aligns with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) standards. Students will analyze texts, use textual evidence as they compose a variety of essays, and develop critical thinking and writing skills.

## Classroom Procedures and Routines

### Entering the classroom

1. Enter the room quickly and quietly.
2. No cell phone use is permitted in class. All phones must be turned OFF (not silenced), and placed in the student's backpack. Any student caught using a cell phone in class will face disciplinary action according to COCISD policy.
3. Retrieve all necessary worksheets and supplies from the pick-up area quickly and quietly.
4. Complete Critical-Thinking Warm-Up activity: "Thunks."

### Attendance and Tardies

1. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class period.
2. The door will close at the tardy bell. Students will need a tardy pass to enter class. 3 or more excessive tardies will result in disciplinary action.
3. Turn all absence/tardy notes in to the attendance office, not the teacher.

### Grading

1. All grading will follow COCISD grading policy.
   a. There will be at least 12 daily grades, 3 quiz grades, and 3 major grades per 9-week marking period.
2. Major grades (60% of overall grade)
   a. Can consist of exams, major writing assignments, or group projects/presentations
3. Daily grades (40% of overall grade)
   a. Warm-up efficiency and consistency, In-class work/notes, homework assignments
   b. Participation
      i. The participation grade will be equal to the average of all daily grade assignments.

### Late Work

1. All classwork is due at the end of class unless specified otherwise.
2. All homework is due at the beginning of the next class unless specified otherwise.
3. Late work may be turned in up to 5 **school days** late and will receive a 25-point penalty, applied after grading. **No late work will be accepted after 5 school days from the due date.**
   a. All work will be graded as if turned in on time, then 25 points will be deducted from the grade.
   b. 5 minutes or 5 days, the penalty applies; no exceptions.

### Dismissal

1. Students will complete the exit ticket activity.
2. Students will return all supplies to their appropriate place.
3. Students will return to their seats until the bell rings. Students will not line up at the door, open the door, or leave the classroom until the teacher dismisses them.

## Classroom Expectations

1. **Be Respectful**
   - Treat others with kindness and respect at all times.
   - Use appropriate manners and language at all times.
2. **Be Responsible**
   - You control your learning and behavior.
   - Take accountability for your actions. Mistakes happen, and tomorrow is a new day.
3. **Be Engaged**
   - Participate in class every day.
   - Advocate for your needs! I can’t help you if I don't know there is a problem.
   - Ask questions! The only dumb question is the one you never ask.
4. **Be Reliable**
   - Be on time to class every day.
   - Be prepared to learn and grow every day.
   - Honor your commitments. Do the things you say you will do.

## Moving Around the Classroom

1. All students are expected to remain in their seats unless the teacher directs otherwise.
2. All students are expected to raise their hands and wait to be called on before leaving their seats for any reason.
3. When a student leaves their seat, they must move quickly and quietly to their destination and return to their seat immediately.

## Supplies

1. Students are expected to be prepared and ready to learn when they enter the classroom.
2. Students are expected to have their binder, highlighters, and a pen/pencil in class every day. If a student forgets their supplies, they are responsible for asking the teacher for alternative materials.
3. The teacher will provide any additional supplies needed for the day.
4. Students are responsible for supplies needed for projects completed outside of class.

## Restroom Use

1. Students may not go to the restroom during the first 10 minutes of class or the last 10 minutes of class.
2. Students may not bring backpacks/phones to the restroom. (Exceptions will be made for feminine care bags).

## Emergency Drills

The campus will have emergency drills at various times throughout the school year.

1. Students are expected to follow all directions, quickly and quietly.
2. Students will remain with the teacher at all times.
3. Students will follow all COCISD policies and procedures for emergency drills at all times.

## English III Syllabus Acknowledgment

**Please return by Friday, August 14, 2026.**

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the expectations, routines, and procedures in the English III classroom. Your signature indicates that you have agreed to uphold all classroom and COCISD policies and code of conduct.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____