



English 9CP

2023 - 2024



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COURSE DESCRIPTION

English 9 provides a wide range of language arts skills in the areas of speaking, listening, writing, reading, and technology as established by the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. The course emphasizes the critical reading and thinking skills involved in the study of appropriate age-level World Literature with increasing text complexity, in a variety of genres including fiction and nonfiction: novels, plays, short stories, poetry, and memoirs. The course also emphasizes contextual vocabulary acquisition and a variety of writing skills. Basic elements of grammar, mechanics, and usage are emphasized throughout the writing process. Various methods of assessment including common skill based benchmarks are used. Students are expected to access and incorporate a variety of appropriate technology.

COURSE MATERIALS:

- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *The Odyssey* by Homer
- *Night* by Elie Wiesel
- *Of Mice & Men* by John Steinbeck
- *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare
- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

ELA GRADING SCALE:

WRITING	40%
READING	30%
SPEAKING/LISTENING	20%
CLASSWORK/HOMEWORK	10%

PLAGIARISM / USE OF AI

Plagiarism is taking credit for ANY work that is not your own. This includes: work from a friend, work from online, and use of ANY AI tool (QuillBot, ChatGPT, etc.)

ANY amount of use of an AI tool (even if it is just for *part* of an assignment) will result in disciplinary actions.

POLICY PER THE NMHS STUDENT HANDBOOK:

Academic dishonesty in ANY form is considered a serious offense. NMHS administration will address academic dishonesty the way we discipline any other flagrant violation of school rules or district policy, which may include suspension and a meeting with district administration. Parents will be contacted. As an academic institution, meeting the learning objectives is a primary focus.

ESSAY EXTENSION REQUESTS

★ If an essay is going to be late, students must submit an "EXTENSION REQUEST FORM" at least 24 hours prior to the essay due date. Extension request forms will not be accepted on the day an essay is due. Failure to submit an "Extension Request Form" on time may result in a penalty.

★ **EXTENSION REQUEST FORMS may only be submitted twice throughout the year.**

LATE WORK:

Students are provided with ample in-class work time. Because of this, students are expected to have their work done & completed by all deadlines in order to properly participate in class discussions.

ESSAY HARD COPIES

Most essays are required to be typed & submitted as BOTH a digital document (on the assigned Google Doc) AND turned in as a hard copy. These hard copies MUST be submitted at the start of class on the due dates. You will not have time to print out copies at the beginning of class. Please use the free school printing services (FollowMe Print) In the school library.

CELL PHONES

- ★ Students are permitted to listen to music during silent, independent work time. However, this is a privilege - not a right! Cell phones must be put away for the duration of the class.
- ★ **Students might be asked to put their phones away in a designated "cell phone holder" if it is a recurring problem in class.**

ATTENDANCE/TARDY POLICY

- ★ Students are expected to arrive to class on time. Students should be in their seats & ready to learn at the bell.
- ★ If a student is absent, they are responsible for making up any missing notes and/or work by reaching out to a peer or their teachers after class. Most assignments & notes will be posted to Google Classroom.

EXTRA HELP AVAILABILITY

Miss Hessami (room 321) & Mrs. Doherty (room 322)

Tuesday Mornings (7:30-8am)

Wednesday After School (3-3:30pm)

WE ARE ALWAYS HERE TO HELP YOU SUCCEED. YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE A GREAT YEAR WITH YOU!

♥ *Miss Hessami & Mrs. Doherty*



Print Student Name

Period

I have read, understand, and agree to all of the above information.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

***PLEASE NOTE: "The best laid schemes of mice and men go often awry" (Robert Burns)
In other words... this syllabus is subject to change!***