

GRADE 9 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

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CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Be Ready

Students are expected to come to class on time and prepared to learn with all required materials and assignments, (ie. binder, paper, pens, pencils, assignments, etc.)

Be Respectful

Students are expected to respect themselves, their environment, their classmates, and their teachers at all times.

Be Responsible

Students are expected to take responsibility for their actions (ie. behaviour, attitude, education, etc.)

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Binder
- Looseleaf
- Pens/Pencils
- Headphones (suggested)

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view, and represent to:

- Explore thoughts, ideas, feelings, and experiences
- Comprehend and respond personally and critically to oral, literary, and media texts
- Manage ideas and information
- Enhance the clarity and artistry of communication

Units of Study:

- Identity
- Elements of Fiction
- Novel Study
- Media and Persuasion
- Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet

Exam:

Students will write a final exam during Term 3 that will make up 10% of their final mark. The exam will be based on skills and experiences learned throughout the year.

DAY-TO-DAY LEARNING

How it sounds in the classroom:

4: Awesome! Your work has gone above and beyond!

3+: You're showing very good understanding.

3: Yes! Your work shows understanding.

2+: Looks like you're almost there!

2: Keep trying! Your work shows some understanding.

1+: You're very close to understanding bits and pieces. Keep working!

1: I see you're struggling. Let me help you get there.

DAY-TO-DAY LEARNING MEETS REPORT CARD

Aligning Achievement Levels and Reporting Codes
in Determining Reporting Percentage Grades for Grades 7-12
(Including Additional 1+, 2+ and 3+ Levels)

Achievement Levels	Level	Level 4	Level 3+	Level 3	Level 2+	Level 2	Level 1+	Level 1
	Descriptor	In-depth knowledge and understanding of content and concepts. Able to extend the application of related skills.	Competent knowledge and understanding of content and concepts. Appropriate application of related skills.		Developing knowledge and understanding of content and concepts. Developing in the application of related skills.		Limited knowledge and understanding of content and concepts. Limited application of related skills.	
Reporting Codes	Reflecting on Evidence of Student Learning With Outcome Summary Scores							
	Descriptor	Demonstrates excellent understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the learning outcomes	Demonstrates very good understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the learning outcomes	Demonstrates good understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the learning outcomes	Demonstrates satisfactory understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the learning outcomes	Demonstrates minimal understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the learning outcomes	Has not met minimum requirements of the course.	
Grades		90-100%	80-89%	70-79%	60-69%	50-59%	Below 50%	

REPORTING WITH EVIDENCE AND USING PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Most assignments and class materials will be posted in Google Classroom.

Students are responsible for checking the Classroom for new assignments, and for submitting assignments on time.

POWERSCHOOL

Grades will be posted and maintained in PowerSchool. Please check PowerSchool regularly for updates on grades, assignments, missing work, etc.

Contact Mrs. MacIsaac if you have any questions regarding information on PowerSchool.

EXTRA HELP

Arrangements can be made for extra help by appointment.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Electronic devices are permitted for use in the classroom with teacher's permission.

Students are reminded to use their devices responsibly.

If the use electronic devices becomes a distraction or problematic in any way, students will be asked to put the device away, and/or the device will be taken and sent to the office.

Students are required to use headphones when listening to audio.

ATTENDANCE/ MISSED ASSIGNMENTS

Students are responsible for ALL materials covered in class. If you are absent from class for any reason, it is YOUR responsibility to find out, and get caught up on what you've missed in a timeline agreed upon with Mrs. MacIsaac.

If you know you are going to be absent in advance, please see Mrs. MacIsaac to make arrangements for receiving assignments, or to establish an appropriate deadline. This can be done before or after school, at break or lunch, or via e-mail.

HOMEWORK

Time will be given to complete the majority of assignments during class time, therefore homework is rare provided students use their time wisely.

If students do not complete work during class, in the allotted time, it is to be completed for homework, to ensure students adhere to the determined deadlines.

On occasion, some work may need to be completed outside of class time.

Check my website, Google Classroom, and PowerSchool for information on outstanding assignments.

Students should read 20-30 minutes every night.

LIBRARY TIME

Due to Health and Safety measures, access to our school library will be limited for the 2020-2021 school year.

I will be working with Ms. Makmillen, our librarian, to ensure students have access to the reading material of their choosing.

Remember...
NOT SHARING IS CARING