

English 12

English 12 is a 36 week course on A/B schedule which will also include the Senior Project. The literature is British and will encompass many periods. In additions writing, reading and analyzing literature, students will learn skills that will prepare them for employment and/or college. Class attendance is expected and rewarded for those miss few days throughout the year. Final exam exemptions are given. Please see the student handbook for the exact number of days per grade.

Students are expected to be seated before the bell and begin work or prepare so that work may be begun immediately. Just as a boss won't ask an employee each day to begin work, teachers should not have to ask either. This is excellent preparation for the job force. Students should demonstrate to the teacher that he/she is ready, willing, and able to perform the task in front of him/her. This is extremely important for seniors seeking recommendations for college or employment.

Students will often **work cooperatively in group settings toward common goals**. Several state standards and goals are reached through learning to work with others effectively. Business leaders throughout the state have requested that students be better prepared to work with others to achieve goals and the TN Department of Education put this into the state standards. Some of the Listening and Speaking standards will be measured through the interactions, behaviors, and projects developed within the groups.

Cell phones will be **turned off and put away in the backpack when the student enters the classroom**. Students are **NOT to talk on their cell phones at any time in the classroom**. Because of privacy issues in a mandatory attendance setting, **videoining and Facetime are NEVER allowed**. If a family crisis arises, please contact the school and your child will be brought to the phone. Students are not allowed to have ear buds, nor the over the head headsets. Occasionally, students will need to photograph missing assignments or work on the board, but should always ask first.

Students will need a binder to maintain unit activities and also to maintain reference material that will be used throughout the year. Most likely a one or two inch binder will suffice. This should be brought to each class meeting. A day classes meet on Monday and Wednesday; B day classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday; all classes meet on Friday.

Students are encouraged to **use all three learning styles on each assignment**. The more learning styles used and the more times practiced, the more likely a child will retain the information. For this reason, students will use auditory, visual, and kinesthetic learning. While online learning is the trend, studies demonstrate that this is not as effective for learning as hard copies with which student can interact (underlining, highlighting, etc.). For this reason, I request that if you can, please donate a ream of paper to the classroom.

Speaking of, these are **useful items that really help in a classroom** and I would appreciate any donation of these:

- Paper
- Paper towels, Kleenex, or soft toilet paper
- Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Ink cartridge HP black 61
- Highlighters

I know as a parent before I give my hard earned money I want to know that it will be put to good use and that the person asking is as invested as myself. To date for this school year, I have put more than \$400 into supplies for my classroom. I purchased paint and supplies, did all the prep and painting with the help of my husband, bought highlighters, paper, pens, and hand sanitizer. I want your children to have a clean classroom and to have supplies that help ensure their health and learning. I want them to be the best they can be.

Classroom Rules: Students should:

- Respect one another verbally and physically
- Be prepared for class each day and willing to learn
- **Keep hands to self** and respect the property of others
- Act in a courteous, polite, and respectful manner
- Be on time to class

Students will be writing essays both in and outside of class. Please ensure that **your student has access to a printer**. Please also have a back-up printer (a neighbor, family member, public library) whose printer may be used for emergencies. This will also mean that **students should not wait until the last minute to complete assignments or print work**. Our school has access to Turnitin, a site that checks for plagiarism. Plagiarism is the use of another person's work or ideas without giving proper credit. Using more than three words directly without proper credit is plagiarism. **The first offense for plagiarism will be a zero for the assignment and notifying the parents**. A second incident will result in a disciplinary referral and a zero for the assignment.

Students who choose the Honors credit will be doing some extra or extended writing during the year and a project. Projects require teacher approval. Students have been given the Honors contract and will be notified after the end of Semester 1 if they are not eligible for Honors credit either by lack of effort or by grade. Most students will be capable of completing the assignments, but do need to pay attention to efforts and grades.

The textbook is available online for reading, remediation, studying, or makeup work. To access the textbook online 1) log on to My.HRW.com 2) Username is student25980 3) Password is n3t2d . If you are absent, then you should log on and catch up missed work. For those without access to internet, public libraries, McDonald's, and other family members are helpful for providing access to the internet.

The Senior Project is embedded in the English 12 class and a portfolio of student work will be kept. The elements of the Senior Project are:

- Narrative, based upon the essay selections from the Common Applications essay selection
- Resume- a professional resume for the Senior Interview and to build upon in the future
- Email Thank You letter
- Cover Letter
- Employment or College Application
- Senior Interview

Student must pass each element of the Senior Project with a 70 in order to graduate. If a student fails one component then he/she must redo the assignment to a 70 with the original grade still standing.