

English 10 Honors Syllabus*

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Schoology and Technology Resources

Course materials and assignments will be in Schoology. Students are expected to check Schoology frequently.

Required Materials

- A charged Chromebook EVERYDAY!
- Writer's notebook or composition book
- A folder or binder (with tabs)
- Independent Reading (student choice) book
- Pencils/Pens; Highlighter; Post-Its
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Course Expectations- Please read the following policies very carefully.

All students, in order to create and maintain a positive learning environment, are expected to adhere to all FHS and LCPS guidelines, and to:

1. Come to class on time and ready to learn.
2. Complete all homework and formative assignments (including reading homework) on time.
3. Show respect to the teacher, yourself, your peers, and the classroom at all times.
4. Be honest. Complete all work with integrity.

CELL PHONE and EARBUD/HEADPHONE POLICY

Per LCPS requirements, all students must adhere to the [Cell Phone/Technology Policy](#).

- Students must place personal technology devices in a classroom storage location and must ensure the devices are silenced during instructional time.
- Earbuds or headphones must be put in your backpack (removed from head/ears)
- All of the above must be done before the tardy bell rings unless otherwise instructed.
- Students may not take their cell phones with them if they leave the room for the restroom/water. Students will still use E-Hall Pass (teacher created, or student may use their Chromebook to create the E-Hall pass at teacher discretion).
- **Consequences for violation of cell phone policy:** When students do not honor the new cell phone policy, the school will initiate a progressive system of disciplinary action to address the behavior.

Absentee Policy for Missed Content, Notes, Assignments and Assessments

We will be using Schoology AND a "Class Daily Notes" Digital Document, which will be posted at all times in Schoology. **It is the student's responsibility to check the "Class Daily Notes" when absent BEFORE contacting the teacher with questions. If you are absent, please follow these instructions:**

- 1) Check Schoology and "Class Daily Notes" document for content, and assignments you missed.
- 2) Review content and notes, complete missed homework, assignments, and reading.
- 3) Work that is due the day(s) you were absent should still be submitted online, or per teacher instructions, within 48 hours of the missed assignment.
- 4) IF you missed a test or quiz, be prepared to take the makeup assessment the day you return.

******Please keep in mind that the students who are most successful in this class are regular participants in our collaborative learning environment. You cannot learn fully if you are not in our class.***

GRADING

Students will be evaluated by their performance against the Loudoun County Public Schools and Virginia Standards of Learning. Grades will reflect mastery of these standards. See the [Board Policy](#) for details.

Revision Policy

Per the LCPS grading policy, major summatives can be revised up to 80%. To be eligible for a retake, you must have completed all formative steps on time, turned in the original submission on time, and **request a retake/revision within 3 days by emailing the teacher. You have ten days to remediate, revise and resubmit.**

Late Work Policy

****No late work will be taken within the last week of each grading period****

All assignments are expected to be turned in by the assigned deadline, with IEP/504 accommodations as needed, in order to progress towards the learning objectives set by the teacher. If a student has work that is not turned in by the assigned deadline, they must make arrangements with the teacher IN ADVANCE to determine how to proceed. Each assignment that is submitted late will be recorded in the gradebook in order to notify parents and/or guardians. Formative assessments will not be accepted late. Per board policy, teachers may set due dates for late work and **our late work deadline is one week**. After one week, the assignment will be locked and a meeting with the student support team will be necessary.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

All assignments must be completed ON YOUR OWN, with no help from the internet, friends, parents, other relatives, or study groups. **DON'T COPY OR CHEAT. This is your only warning.**

Use of AI Programs

All usage of AI programs in this class requires prior approval from the teacher. Plagiarism, even if AI-generated, is not acceptable. Properly attribute AI-generated content if it is used in your assignments. Any assessment and/or assignment is subject to a verbal review with the teacher. Be prepared to explain and discuss the content of your work, without the contributions or assistance of AI. If you cannot adequately represent your work, it will be assumed AI was utilized as a replacement for your learning, and the consequences will be subject to the teacher's discretion.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING

- Requesting or providing only authorized assistance on any assignment.
- Protecting the integrity of work by not allowing others to copy assignments
- Not sharing information about quizzes or tests with peers who will take the assessment later.
- Giving proper credit to the ideas, opinions, or work of others incorporated into the student's work through the use of formal citation.

CONSEQUENCES FOR ACADEMIC DISHONESTY/CHEATING

- Student and teacher discussion regarding the incident.
- Teacher will contact the parent or guardian.
- Referral to administration for possible further action.
- Grade reduction (possible zero depending upon the circumstances) on assignment.
- On your 1st infraction, you will lose any opportunity to receive a **college recommendation letter** from me and will influence recommendations for English next year.