

English II

Course Syllabus 2017-2018



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Course Description: English II is intended to advance students' organizational, reading, writing, speaking, listening and critical thinking skills. Students will analyze various works in different artistic mediums to evaluate how authors craft their prose to establish a purpose. Through writing, students construct diverse writing products using complex materials and specialized sources to formulate a central idea, maintain a coherent focus, and elaborate with relevant research and/or examples. Through a variety of speaking situations, students will use formal academic English appropriate for a purpose. Additionally, students will gain skills in becoming a better reader, writer, and communicator.

First Semester	Second Semester
<p>Literary Analysis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme, Language, and Tone Analysis • <i>The Secret Life of Bees</i> by Sue Monk Kidd <p>The Structure of an Argument:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhetorical Devices and Claims • Using evidence to support claims • <i>Documentary</i> • Multi paragraph explanatory document 	<p>Research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluating Validity and Constructing Arguments • Speeches / Nonfiction Articles / Novel Excerpts • Research Paper • <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> by Ray Bradbury <p>Stories with a Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative Unit/Short Stories • <i>The Taming of the Shrew</i> by Wm. Shakespeare • Written narrative components

Textbook / Literature:

There is a hard-bound textbook for this course. This will be used as an in-class text. Additionally, two novels are required (*The Secret Life of Bees* and *Fahrenheit 451*). Both will be loaned to all students. Lastly, the play *The Taming of the Shrew* will also be provided for all students.

Daily Supplies:

- Writing Utensils
- Folder (reasonable paper containment/filing system) or a 3 Ring Binder
- Loose-leaf Paper or a Spiral Notebook (college ruled)
- Required Literature / Textbook, Paperback Novel, or Play

English II Webpage:

Daily assignments, quizzes, assessments, projects, etc. will be placed on my school webpage. It is a great place to check if you are absent, want to re-check homework, or look ahead to create a work plan. Parents can find this particularly helpful to monitor his / her student's work in class. Never been on a PNHS teacher's webpage? Directions can be found on the school's main page.

Late Work Policy:

- **Homework:** Homework turned in one day late will only receive 80% credit. Homework that is two days late will only receive 70% credit. After two days late, a maximum of 50% credit will be given until the end of an outcome unit. Once a unit is completed, late work will no longer be accepted.
- **Major Projects / Papers:** Late work for both projects as well as papers will receive 10% off per day of the earned grade. After 10 days, no projects / papers will be accepted for credit.
- **Speeches:** Students will be given a fair opportunity of randomly being chosen to present speeches, or they may volunteer on a first come first serve basis schedule. If a student is unprepared to give his speech that day, he may go the following day for half-credit. Failure to go on the following day will result in a zero for the speech.
- Per school policy, zero credit will be given for any work missed / due during an unexcused absence.

Grading:

Grading Scale/Policy 18 Week Grades		18 Week Grades	80%
Homework / Daily Work	= 20%	Final Exam	20%
Assessments	= 80%	Semester Grade	

Tips for Succeeding in This Course:

- Keep up with the required reading
- Pay attention in class
- Stay organized
- Contribute
- Listen when others are speaking
- Be prepared to think and to respond
- Work with others as a team member
- Meet your deadlines and turn in assignments when they are due
- Be prepared to present your speech on the scheduled date
- Be encouraging and kind to classmates when they are giving speeches

Tardies: Students will be considered on time **ONLY** if they are in the room when the bell rings. Every moment counts in this class, so you don't want to miss anything!

Classroom Policies: All PNHS English department policies and District 202 student handbook policies apply (late work, classroom disruptions, tardies, etc.). The student handbook is available online if you need to revisit any policies.

Computer Usage: All students and parents must sign the District 202 computer usage policy before access to school computers/technology can be made available. Any violation of the policy can result in their termination of school computer/technology access and usage.

Cell Phones: Per district policy, cell phones cannot be used in the building for any social or entertainment purposes. Disciplinary action for improper use is per the Student Handbook.



Want to earn some extra credit on the
first day of school????



Student's Name: _____

Class Period: _____

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please review this syllabus with your son or daughter and return this page to Mrs. Hannemann. I would appreciate it if you would complete the contact information below and designate if the phone number is a work, home, or cell number.

Your son or daughter will receive 5 points extra credit if one parent/guardian emails me at lhannemann@psd202.org using the email address he / she would like me to use as contact.

VERY IMPORTANT! The subject line should be *the Student's Name followed by the class period*. **For Example: Grace Smith 5.**

In the body of the email, please include the name of the student and one fact about your student you think I should know as his or her teacher. This will be the email address I will use to contact the parent/guardian throughout the school year.

Thank you so much; I look forward to working with you and your son or daughter throughout the upcoming year.

I have reviewed this syllabus and understand the requirements of this course. I understand that my son or daughter can receive 5 points extra credit if I email Ms. Hannemann at an email address where I can be reached.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Phone Number (work home cell)