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English 9 Guidelines

Class Description: English 9 is aligned with the ninth grade Language Arts Common Core Standards. In addition to the skills outlined in the standards we will be exploring issues of power in society through selected works of short and long literature, and non-fiction texts.

Cell Phone and Electronics Policy: Absolutely no cell phones or electronic devices in this class. Our class will follow the new school-wide policy. Students may receive ONE warning per semester. After the warning, students will be asked to take their cell phone or electronic device to the office, where they may retrieve it at the end of the day.

Hall Passes: Each student will receive **three hall passes per semester** to be used during appropriate class times. You must still ask permission to leave the room, and must turn in the pass before leaving - only one student out at a time. **DO NOT LOSE YOUR PASSES** – you will not get another set. Unused passes will be collected for extra credit at the end of the semester.

Laptops: Personal laptops may only be used when instructed for English 9 assignments.

Grading and Late Work: This course is fully aligned with the Common Core Standards. Assignments are weighted into two categories:

40% Formative: Daily activities, warm-ups, homework, quizzes, class participation, etc. **We expect all formative assignments to be turned in on time. Late work turned in the following class will be **penalized one letter grade, later than that it will not be accepted.***

60% Summative: Projects, papers, tests, etc., usually at the end of a unit. **We expect all summative assignments to be turned in on time. Late work turned in the class following the due date will be **penalized one letter grade, later than that it will not be accepted.** If you anticipate a problem, extensions may be granted if you speak with us **before the due date.** After the extension date **it will not be accepted.***

Plagiarism: Plagiarism, even if claimed to be accidental, is not tolerated in our department. If caught, the following consequences will be carried out:

- 1st offence: chance to rewrite for max 50% of assignment; discussion with teacher/parent,
- 2nd offence: no credit earned (no rewrite); administration is notified; note on academic record
- 3rd offence: Administrative action: "Suspendable offence"

Respect: Give it; get it - to your classmates and your teachers.

Seating: Your assigned pod seating will change monthly.

Food/Drink: Eating and drinking is allowed as long as it does not distract from learning.

Required Supplies:

- one 3-ring binder dedicated to English 9 (this will be kept in class)
- one folder - you must bring to class every day (to take assignments home) binder paper
- one blue pen, one black pen, one red pen - you must bring these to class every day