

English Concepts 3 & 4
Syllabus 2016-17
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Welcome! I am really looking forward to having you in my English class this semester. This syllabus outlines my course expectations for you, as well as my classroom policies, contact information, and other important info.

About the Class:

This course will focus on writing, reading, and speaking. We will review and master grammatical terminology, practice all writing traits and composition modes, and develop critical thinking skills. We will read selected short stories, essays, poems, plays, and novels. Students may prepare and deliver speeches and presentations to the class. Throughout the semester there will be several state writing samples.

Grading Policy:

In compliance with SB2220, all Silver Falls School District classrooms will be recording and reporting academic achievement and personal management skills separately. Please refer to this syllabus for more details on how your student's grade is calculated. To view your student's progress towards proficiency on course standards as well as their personal management for the class, please use the *Parent Links* button on the top of the SHS homepage to access the link to Pinnacle (a password-restricted website). A letter will be mailed home with instructions for using the website as well as a log-in and password. For further assistance with your log-in or password, please contact Heidi Eberle (ext 3799) or Debbie Valoff (ext3872) in the Silverton High School Counseling Center (503-873-6331). The Silverton HS homepage can be found at: <http://silvertonhigh.silverfalls.orvsd.org/>

Breakdown:

Academics will make up 85% of your grade.

The 85% is based on assessments of the Common Core Standards that measure learning

Personal Management will make up 15% of your grade.

The 15% is based on homework completion, attendance, meeting deadlines, and other factors important to employers.

***ALL** formal papers must be:

- Typed/Double-Spaced
- 12 pt. Font using only New York, Times, Palatino, or Helvetica
- A hand-written rough draft **must** accompany the final typed draft.

Contact Information:

Email: barker_stacy@silverfalls.k12.or.us

Phone: (503) 873-6331 ext. 3811

Room: B203

Need help?: I am here 7:30-3:30, unless I have a meeting. Sometimes I can come earlier or stay later if you need to see me. I can also give you a pass to come in during Fox Pause. I have prep during 5th period

Expectations

Attendance:

Please be here. Attendance is essential in order to meet the goals of the class. Maintaining a minimum of a 92% attendance rate is expected.

Tardies:

You will be counted as on time if you are in your assigned seat with all materials before the bell begins to ring. School policy states that you will be assigned a lunch detention if you are tardy.

Missed Tests and School Work:

If you are absent: I accept late work until the end of the 6-week period. I am always available to help you catch up. Be aware that your late work is tracked and reported in the Personal Management portion of your grade.

Tests, quizzes, and projects must be made up upon your return; please see me to work out a make-up time. If you do not come to me about making up the test, or you forget to do it, the test will be counted as a zero.

Honor Policy:

Silverton High School faculty and administration believe that honesty and trustworthiness are the basic characteristics of a citizen in a free society. We also believe that whatever learning a person achieves as the result of his/her own efforts is an accomplishment in which he/she can take pride and which will be of use and benefit to him/her. In this belief, and as an expression of the value we place on the integrity of a student's work, **we will not accept plagiarism, copying the work of others, doing another student's work for him/her, giving him/her answers for tests, nor any other activity that falls into the classification of academic dishonesty.** The consequences for such action will be the confiscation of material, notification of parents, possible failure of assignment and/or class, and disciplinary action.

Behavior:

This classroom is a Hate-Free Zone. I expect you to be mature and respectful of your classmates, yourselves, and me.

Stuff:

Come prepared for class every day - bring everything you need (paper, writing utensils, books, text books, etc). ***I expect you to have a notebook, folder, or section of a larger binder specifically for this class,*** so that you can keep all of your materials together. If you cannot find an organizational system that you like, talk to me, and I can help you come up with one.

Other items of interest:

- School policy states that cell phones that are seen or heard in class must be taken by the teacher and submitted to the office to be picked up at the end of the day. That policy will be enforced in this classroom - put your phones on silent, and put them away.
- Drinks, as long as it is quiet and not messy, are allowed in class. However, if a mess is made and not cleaned up, or garbage is left behind in class, you will no longer have this privilege. Be responsible.
- Please be aware of how your actions affect those around you, and do not allow your behavior to distract yourself or others from the learning process.