

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS

A. OVERVIEW OF THE COURSE

ENGLISH 10 PLUS

This is a 220-hour course (full year) which provides additional time and support for students who require extended opportunities to address the English 10 curriculum outcomes and to develop their strategies and to strengthen their skills in each of the strands of English language arts. English 10 Plus is a two-credit course providing successful students with one English credit (Eng. 10) and one elective credit (Eng. 10 Plus). The credits are awarded in June after completion of the entire program. This course requires dedicated, motivated students who will work hard to achieve the skills required to advance to Academic Grade 11 and 12 English with plans to attend university.

B. GENERAL COMMENTS

Each student has the potential to contribute substantially to the class atmosphere. This contribution can be positive only if attendance is consistent. When a student misses time, the notes alone will not review the entire class. It is impossible to recapture the discussion, questions, and explanations that are merely highlighted in the notes. Therefore, regular attendance is essential.

Extracurricular activities are extra; therefore, absences for such activities should not interfere with assignments, test preparation, etc. Students should review their schedule and assignments should be passed in before they leave for tournaments. See the teacher to reschedule tests. This is the student's responsibility.

C. ASSESSMENT

Student progress will be closely monitored. Marks will be awarded for daily class participation, daily written work, and homework assignments. Assessment of student learning will also be based on tests, assignments and formal examinations.

WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

Use white standard unlined paper

Double space writing or typing

Handwritten assignments must be legible

If a computer is used, please understand that excuses dealing with faulty printers, deleted work, etc. will not be accepted. The student is given plenty of notice of due dates. Hand write the assignment if there are computer problems.

DUE DATES

All assignments must be passed in on time. There will be few, if any extensions.

Each day an assignment is late, 20% will be deducted from the final grade of the assignment.

If the student is absent on the scheduled due date, have a friend or relative deliver the assignment or have the parent/guardian contact the teacher at the school.

TESTING

Plenty of notice for tests is given.

If the student is legitimately excused on a scheduled test day, be aware that he/she may be tested immediately upon return to class.

D. EVALUATION

A Progress Report will be issued in November. The assigned mark will be based on tests,

projects and assignments and may include a comprehensive test.

Class Work (tests, assignments, projects) from the beginning of the first term to the January exam will be valued at 70% of the first term mark. (the progress report mark will be part of this mark.)

The January exam will be valued at 30% of the first term mark.

A Progress Report will be issued in April. The assigned mark will be based on tests, projects and assignments and may include a comprehensive test.

Class Work (tests, assignments, projects) from the beginning of the second term to the June exam will be valued at 70% of the second term mark. (the progress report mark will be part of this mark.)

The June exam will be valued at 30% of the second term mark.

The final marks will be calculated by adding 50% of the first term mark PLUS 50% of the second term mark.

E. CONTACT FROM TEACHER

When deemed necessary, phone contact will be made re. Attendance, classroom performance, deportment, etc.

Monthly attendance profiles will be given to each student so parents/guardian may review, sign and return to the school, where they will be kept on file.

F. CONTACT FROM PARENT/GUARDIAN

Parents/guardians may contact the teacher, to discuss concerns, by phoning the school. Sydney Academy 562-5464

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