

Dallas High School Home of the Dragons



Accelerated English 1/2 Year B 2022-2023

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Course Description:

Students will spend the year learning a variety of critical reading, thinking, and writing skills. The class will study the use of rhetorical devices, themes of classic American literature, independent book studies of canonical literature, poetry, essay writing, Shakespearean plays, and research writing.

Standards to Be Assessed:

READING STANDARDS

- 9-10.RL.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- 9-10.RL.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.

- 9-10.RL.3 Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
- 9-10.RL.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone).
- 9-10.RL.5 Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulate time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise.
- 9-10.RL.6 Analyze a particular point of view or cultural experience reflected in a work of literature from outside the United States, drawing on a wide reading of world literature.

LANGUAGE STANDARD

- 9-10.L.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

SPEAKING STANDARDS

- 9-10.SL.4 Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task.
- 9-10.SL.6 Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

WRITING STANDARDS

- 9-10.W.1 Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
- 9-10.W.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
- 9-10.W.2 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Grading and Assessment:

The following grading scales will be used to calculate a student’s course grades and grade point average:

Course Grades will be calculated using the following scale:	Grade Point Averages (GPAs) will be calculated using the following scale:	GPAs for Advanced Placement courses will be calculated using the following scale:
A 90-100%	A (4.0)	A (5.0)
B 80-89%	B (3.0)	B (4.0)
C 70-79%	C (2.0)	C (3.0)
D 60-69%	D (1.0)	D (2.0)
F 0-59%	F (0)	F (0)

Academic Integrity

The faculty and administration of Dallas High School believe that honesty and integrity are personal attributes worth nurturing in our students. Because we value the educational and skill development opportunities provided by classroom assignments, research projects, tests, and credit recovery, we expect students to express academic integrity by doing their own work and properly documenting information gathered from other sources. Congruous with this belief is our resolve to handle those who violate the principles of academic integrity with stringent consequences as outlined in the [K-12 Code of Conduct](#).

Student Behavior and Expectations:

Students are expected to demonstrate appropriate behavior in the classroom and contribute to a safe, positive, caring learning environment by cooperating; doing their best to achieve academic excellence; respecting themselves, others, and the environment; and conducting themselves in a safe manner at all times. Clearly defined behavioral expectations are consistent school-wide through the Dragon **PRIDE** acronym. We strive to teach our students to take **PRIDE** in

themselves and the school by demonstrating: **Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Determination,** and **Empathy** at all times. For more information, please see the [Student/Parent Handbook](#).

Student Electronic Devices at Dallas High School:

Students are allowed to possess personal electronic devices at school and at school-sponsored activities provided such devices are not used in any manner that may disrupt the learning environment, school-sponsored activities or violate Board policies, administrative regulations, school or classroom rules, or state and federal laws. Cell phone usage is **only** permitted during scheduled passing periods and lunch times. Students are not allowed to be on their phones in the hallways and other common areas during class time and cell phone usage in the bathrooms and locker rooms is prohibited **at all times**. Students must use a Chromebook or laptop to complete and submit coursework. Cell phones cannot be used for this purpose and can only be used during class time with express advance permission from the teacher.

Diversity

Dallas School District #2 recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups and their roles in society. It is the policy for the Dallas School District #2 Board of Education that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups on the grounds of age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation in any educational programs, activities or employment.

Gender

Dallas High School will be proactive in creating a school culture that respects and values all students and fosters understanding of gender identity within the school community. Such guidelines are intended to ensure a safe learning environment free of discrimination and harassment, and to promote the educational and social integration of transgender students. They do not anticipate every situation that may occur and the needs of each student will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Parents: Please keep the rest of the syllabus. By signing this form, you acknowledge that you have read and fully understood the expectations, rules, and standards associated with this course. If you have questions, please call 503-623-8336 or email using the email address provided in this document. This page is due back by Friday, September 17th to your student's teacher.

Parent Name:

Parent Signature:

Parent email Address:

Parent Phone:

Student Name:

Student Signature: