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**English II 2020-2021**

# ***General Course Description:*** English II is a course designed to increase each student’s ability to think and communicate logically and effectively. In pursuit of these goals, we will critically engage with multicultural literature, composition skills, speaking, listening skills, usage skills, and vocabulary development.

***Expectations for Classroom Behavior and Management***:

1. **Be Respectful**: Value each other’s opinion, culture, race, gender, religion, etc.
2. Talking while someone else “has the floor” is unacceptable.
3. Yelling and/or “talking back” are forms of insubordination and are unacceptable.
4. **Be Punctual**:
5. You must be on time for both online instruction and in person instruction. When we meet in person, please be in your seat and prepared for class before the tardy bell rings. Not being in your seat when the bell rings, entering our classroom while the bell is ringing, or entering after the bell has rung will result in a tardy.
6. If you are tardy due to a teacher/staff member, bring a note from that adult; you will not be sent back for one, and you will be marked tardy if you do not have a note.
7. **Be** **Responsible**
8. Take responsibility for your own actions (don’t play the blame game.)
9. Know when assignments are due by using a planner, agenda, or your phone calendar. Check your online platforms for reminders as well.
10. Make-up work is your responsibility. Check Schoology when you return from an absence. Complete the make-up work at home so that you do not fall further behind. See me in tutorials if you have questions about make-up work or need to make up a test or quiz.
11. Cheating will result in a zero for all involved. Please see the Honor Code form for additional consequences.
12. If you are finished early with one of our class assignments, you are expected to continue reading from your chosen book. Working on assignments from other classes is not acceptable.
13. Students will be expected to keep the classroom clean.

g. Follow the student code of conduct.

1. **Be Prepared:**
2. Have your “tools of the trade” before you enter the room.

Your “tools of the trade” are:

1. Writing utensil (pencil and blue or black ink pen)
2. Assigned reading material
3. Homework (completed to the best of your ability)
4. Spiral
5. Charged personal device

***Consequences for Choosing to Not Follow the Class Rules:***



1. Verbal or written warning

2. Teacher/Student conference

3. Parent notification

4. Discipline referral to administrator

***Cell Phone Policy:*** FBISD states that “students will be allowed to use [their] device for educational purposes in a digitally responsible manner.” In our classroom, cell phone use is strictly prohibited during reading, writing, and instructional time. Electronic devices must be silent and out of sight unless your teacher specifically instructs you to use them for an educational purpose. Failure to respect this policy will result in confiscation.

During testing, students must follow their teacher’s procedure for devices. Any device found on their person during testing may result in a **zero** on the test.

***When Class Begins***

1. Be seated as soon as you enter the room.
2. Get out **ALL** needed supplies- writing utensil, paper, current reading material that the class is working on.
3. Read the essential questions/homework. Write any pending assignments your planner/agenda.

***When Class Ends***

1. Wait to be dismissed by teacher.
2. Return all supplies/books to their proper location.
3. Verify your area is clean before attempting to leave.

### Materials Required- Students are to have all of these supplies, DAILY.

* Black or blue ink pens (These are the only colors that should be used to complete assignments submitted for grading.)
* 1 inch binder with pockets in the back and front
* Dividers
* college ruled paper
* Your Schoology login, a Turnitin.com account, NoRedInk account, Microsoft Account, Padlit, and etc.

***Recommended materials***

* **12 Angry Men by Reginald Rose (Publisher: Penguin Classics)**

***Communication*: All communication concerning grades should be done in person, before or after school**.

Specific information regarding due dates, handouts, announcements, and other similar information can be found on my Schoology page.

***Digital communication:*** Students are responsible for everything communicated through Schoology, turnitin.com, or verbally in class. Students are expected to check all forms of communication daily. **Students should use their FBISD email as their username and FBISD student ID as their password for all accounts used in class**.

## Grading Policy:

## As indicated in the Student Handbook the nine weeks’ grade will be made up of the following:

50% = Major grades (minimum of 3 required per nine weeks)

50% = Daily grades (minimum of 11 required per nine weeks)

Daily grades include reading quizzes, the class journal, presentations, discussions, in-class writing, etc. Major grades include vocabulary quizzes, compositions, tests, novel journals, etc.

***Late Work***: When you turn in work late, you are giving away points.

daily grades: 1 day late 70 max; thereafter, teacher discretion with a maximum of 50.

major grades: 1 day late 75 max; 2nd day late 60; thereafter, teacher discretion with a max. of 50.

***Tutorials:***

(Wednesday afternoons)

\*Tutorials and make ups may also be made by appointment.

\*\*The teacher may leave if no students attend by 3:00.