#  Applied English II/IV Course Syllabus  Coach Brodie

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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Applied English! I am excited to work with you this year. Please read the syllabus carefully. High expectations require good time management and academic responsibility. I promise to equip students with tools for success in ELA and beyond.

Looking forward to a great year!

# Coach James Brodie Course Description:

Applied English Language Arts is a course that helps students improve their thinking and

communication skills. It covers analyzing different types of literature and practicing various forms of writing, speaking, and research. Students will build skills needed for college or careers in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language. We also support students' growth by using their Individualized Education Plans.

# Required Materials:

Please have a pen/pencil and notebook paper each day.

# Contacting the Teacher:

For any questions outside of class, email me at James.Brodie@fortbendisd.gov. I will reply within 24 hours during the school week. I typically do not respond after hours or on weekends.

# Assignments and Grades:

We will follow the current grading policy as specified in the Student Handbook.

* 3 Major Grades per term
* 6 Minor Grades per term (minimum)

# Assignment Grading Policy:

* Re-assessment: Students scoring below 75 on major assignments can re-assess to achieve up to a 75. Minor assignments are likely not eligible for re-assessment.
* Late Work: For each late day (up to 5 days), there is a 10-point deduction. Assignments more than 5 days late receive the lowest grade possible. This applies to both minor and major assignments.
* Missed Work: Students can earn up to 100 when making up assignments missed due to absences. They must contact me within 2 days of returning to arrange this.
* The lowest grade possible is entered for any unsubmitted, ungraded assignment but can be replaced when the work is submitted and graded. Unattempted assignments and no class participation will result in a grade of 0.

# Academic Integrity:

In this class, we value honesty and expect all students to do their own work. Please read the guidelines below:

* **First Offense:** If a student submits a major assignment that is plagiarized, they can redo it for a maximum grade of 75. A 75 is given if all requirements are met.
* **Second Offense or More**: Any major assignment submitted with plagiarism after the first offense will receive a zero with no chance to redo it.
* **Minor Assignments:** Plagiarized minor assignments will receive a zero with no chance to redo them.

# Rules\Procedures:

Mr. Brodie’s classroom rules for a safe and secure environment:

1. Listen to staff. Do what they say right away.
2. Use kind words and actions with classmates and staff.
3. Keep your hands, feet, and stuff to yourself.
4. Sit up. Look at staff. Focus.
5. No phones, smartwatches, earbuds, or personal devices allowed. Only use your school laptop for classwork.

# Consequences:

1. I will give a subtle, discreet warning (eye contact & pause or politely ask to stop).
2. Brief conversation with student after class.
3. Contact parent.
4. School’s discipline policy.

**Cell Phone & Communication Devices Policy:**

Students shall not use a personal telecommunication device on school property during the school day. While on school property, the student shall store any personal communication devices in their backpacks. Accessing any personal telecommunication device anywhere on campus during the school day is strictly prohibited.

Please read the district's guidelines regarding the new state law: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/devicepolicy>

Almeta Crawford High School Electronics Policy

First Offense

* 1st Warning issued to student
* Parent/guardian notification
* Device is confiscated and stored in a secure area for the remainder of the day.
* Device is returned to the student at the end of the school day

Second Offense

* 2nd Warning issued to student
* Parent/guardian notification
* Device is confiscated and stored in a secure area for the remainder of the day.
* Device is returned to the student at the end of the school day

Third Offense

* Level 1 Offense - School Based Strategies (including No-Access List assignment, Detention, etc.) Additional Action Options
* Parent/guardian notification
* Device is confiscated and stored in a secure area for the remainder of the day.
* Device is returned to the student at the end of school day

Fourth Offense

* Level 2 Offense - ISS (In-School Suspension), Supplemental Options and School Based Strategies
* Parent/guardian notification
* Device is confiscated and stored in a secure area for remainder of day.
* Device is returned to parent/guardian (or emergency contact listed in Skyward Q) at end of school day.

Fifth and Beyond Offense

* Level 2 Offense - OSS (Out Of School Suspension)
* Parent/guardian notification
* Device is confiscated and stored in a secure area for remainder of day.
* Device is returned to parent/guardian (or emergency contact listed in Skyward Q) at end of school day.

Important Notes:

* Refusing to give up your device will lead to escalated disciplinary action.
* Unclaimed devices will be disposed after 90 days by FBISD.

# Plagiarism:

Copying someone else's work or ideas and claiming them as your own is called plagiarism. It doesn't matter if you didn't mean to do it or if you forgot to give credit to your sources. Ask me for help rather than cheating.

**Attendance:**

It is a student’s responsibility to turn in assignments and to make up tests when absent; do not depend upon the teacher to remind you.

# Hall Passes:

1. Students have more than enough time between classes to attend to any personal business. Permission to leave class will therefore be given at the teacher’s discretion.
2. Each nine-week period, a student gets 3 restroom passes—one every two weeks.
3. Students should be on time when going to and coming back from the restroom. If students take a long time, they'll lose the remaining nine-week passes they have left.
4. Students at ACHS must adhere to the **10/10 rule**. There is absolutely no movement in the hallways during the first 10 and last 10 minutes of class.
5. Students cannot enter the class before the tardy bell, ask me to go to the restroom, and then return after the bell rings. This will count as a tardy.
6. Students will only be permitted to use the restroom during structured practice time when working independently.
7. Students are responsible for what they miss while they are gone.
8. If you have special circumstances, please provide me with a note from your parent, doctor, or coach. Make sure our school nurse has a copy of the medical note on file as well.

# Communication:

If a student is having trouble with his work, especially if he does not understand something, please inform me. It's most effective if they reach out before problems arise, rather than after.

**Note: This syllabus may be changed at the teacher’s discretion as needed.**