

Accelerated ELA/Yearbook

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Course Description

Accelerated English class will prepare students for upper-level English and college and career readiness. In this course, students will be expected to actively engage in a curriculum that is aligned with the Common Core State Standards. Students will read great works of literature, learn the fundamentals of research-based writing, and improve their vocabulary, grammar, writing, and literary analysis skills.

Digital Classroom

My class is a 1:1 classroom, meaning every student has access to a Chromebook during class time. Students will be required to use their school accounts to create and use a variety of educational accounts. Please have them charged each day.

Academic Dishonesty

Cheating (on tests, assignments, essays, etc.) will result in a zero upon the 1st offense. Further offenses may result in disciplinary action.

Late Work

- Assignments and homework are to be turned in on their due dates.
- Late assignments may be completed for a partial grade. Some homework assignments may not be completed late (i.e. if it is reviewed in class that day or has been tested already).
- Assignments not turned in will receive a mark of zero and will significantly affect a student's grade.

Grading

- 67% Major (Tests & Essays)
- 33% Minor (Daily –Jagmarks & homework)
- Weekly quizzes count as two (2) daily grades.
- Grades will be updated weekly on Active Parent.
- Students who miss a test or quiz must provide an approved excuse. It is the student's responsibility to schedule a day and time before school or during my planning block to make-up a test or quiz.

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	65-69%
F	64% and below

Required Materials

(Please have supplies EVERY day):

- 3 ring binder (remember it includes both literature and writing)
- Loose-leaf notebook paper
- 6 dividers (labeled: Reading, Vocabulary, Writing, Grammar, Jagmarks, Miscellaneous)
- Pens (black erasable preferred) and Pencils (pre-sharpened preferred)
- Highlighters (4 colors)
- I will conduct random binder checks which will count as a quiz grade. Please have all handouts in chronological order by date and in the correct section.

Cell Phones & Other Devices

Electronic devices **must** be put away at all times **unless** we are using them as a resource or as I allow. If a student has an electronic device out without permission, the device will be turned into the principal for a parent pick up.

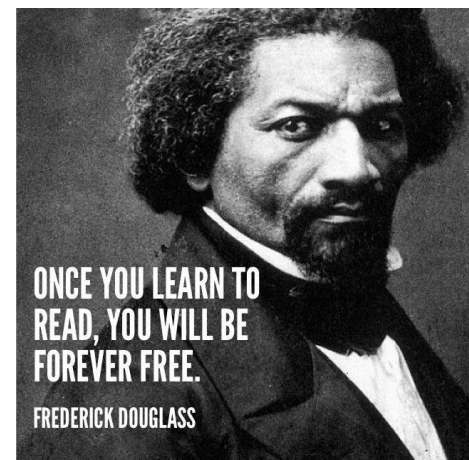


Independent Reading

All students in my class are expected to complete independent reading requirements daily. **Students must bring a novel or other reading material of choice to class each day.** I will conduct student conferences and/or require assignments to gauge their reading progress, help with comprehension frustration, help them to set goals, and to listen to their thinking about the book.

Attendance

Regular attendance is an important element for success in this class as many concepts build on each other and missed time in one area will significantly affect student achievement. Attendance is the responsibility of the student as well as the parent/guardian.



Mrs. McCullough's Class Syllabus

Parent and student acknowledgement form

Classroom Rules:

- Listen to Instructions.
- Enter and Exit Prepared.
- Always do your Best.
- Respect yourself and others.
- No excuses!

Rewards:

Students may receive a reward for the following behaviors:

- Following the Honor Code
- Following Classroom Rules and Procedures
- Participating in class
- Being Helpful

Consequences for not complying with Classroom Rules and Procedures:

- First Time = Students will receive a warning.
- Second Time = Students will receive Parent Notice I and phone call to parents.
- Third Time = Student will receive Parent Notice II.
- Fourth Time = Students will be referred to the office.
- Severe Clause = Immediate Office Referral

Classroom Procedures:

- Students must bring all books and materials to class.
- Students must be in their seats when the bell rings.
- Students must sit and stay seated in their assigned seats.
- Students must follow directions the first time they are given.
- Students must raise their hand and wait for permission to speak or leave their desk.
- Students are responsible for retrieving and completing make up work.
- When the dismissal bell rings, students must remain seated and quiet until the teacher dismisses them.
- Before leaving class, students must clean their work area.
- During fire or other emergency drills, students must follow the teacher's instructions and the procedures posted in the front of the classroom.

Initial Here

Student Guardian

_____ _____ I have read and I understand what is expected of me/my child in this course.

_____ _____ I understand that I must bring materials for independent reading daily.

_____ _____ I understand what plagiarism is, and am aware of the consequences.

_____ _____ I understand that cell phones are not to be used during class time.

**(Parents/Guardians: Please do not expect a text/call back from your child during class time)
In the case of an emergency, please, **do** immediately call the school.**



Sign Here

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

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