

PreAP G.T. English I

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a dedicated GT course comprised of 100% of students that have been formally identified as G/T and will support the L.I.S.D. Gifted and Talented Mission:

Through the establishment of secure and free learning environments, L.I.S.D. GT students continuously seek out challenges to:

- 1. Promote scholarly behaviors that discover, develop and leverage capacity*
- 2. Effectively communicate and collaborate*
- 3. Foster critical thinking by manipulating abstract ideas and making deep connections*
- 4. Promote creativity and innovation*
- 5. Develop self awareness and social consciousness*

TEXTBOOK & COURSE MATERIALS

Reading materials will consist of a variety of formats: electronic documents, novels provided by the school, and student purchased novels.

The iPad is the preferred method of technology in the classroom.

Google Classroom:

3rd period: 61453k8 4th period: sagwad

PreAP Remind: @gtengo

SUPPLIES NEEDED

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| 1 binder (1 1/2" min) | ear buds |
| 1 composition book (<i>no spirals!</i>) | red pens |
| notebook paper | |
| 1 package of dividers | |
| 1 pkg. index cards | |
| 2 packages post it notes | |

COURSE INFO

Room 9106
3rd and 4th period
18 week course
1 midterm exam
1 final exam

INSTRUCTOR INFO

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Tutoring Hours:

M/W/F from 7:30 AM - 8:15 AM
after school by appointment

WHAT TO EXPECT

DAILY SCHEDULE:

Warm Up: 10 -15 minutes
Lesson: 55 minutes
Closer: final 15 minutes

GRADING POLICIES

MAKE UP WORK: Work missed due to absences will be handled according to district policy, which is explained in the FMHS student handbook:

"Make-up work and tests will be permitted for all excused absences. Students will have one day for make-up for each day of absence caused by illness. An example: one day absence = one day for make-up; three days absence = three days for make-up. The teacher will set a time for make-up tests. It is the student's responsibility to take the test at that time."

GRADE CATEGORY	PERCENTAGE
MAJOR	60 %
QUIZ	25 %
DAILY	15 %

*A student is encouraged to speak with his or her teacher if the student knows of an absence ahead of time, including absences for extracurricular activities, so that the teacher and student may plan any work that can be completed before or

LATE WORK: Work will be accepted one day after it is due **with a 30-point deduction**. No credit will be awarded for work submitted more than one day late. Homework is considered late if it is not turned in at the **beginning** of the class period. This includes the printing of assignments. They must be printed **before** class begins or they are considered late.

PROGRESS REPORTS: Printed progress reports are provided every 3 weeks to students who have an average below 75. All students and parents are encouraged to follow student progress on the Skyward grade book program.

RETESTS: Tests may be retaken for the highest possible score of 70. Students are responsible for scheduling a re-test time with the teacher within one week of receiving the failed test paper. Re-tests will not be offered after this period.

COURSE POLICIES

CLASS RULES:

Be present. Be active. Be mature. Be mindful of your impact.

Keep all cell phones put away.

Trash goes in the trashcan, not the recycle bin.

Respect: the classroom, other students, and the teacher.

Stay seated until the end of class.

Due to allergies and the cleanliness of the classroom, no food is allowed unless by special circumstance. The only drink allowed in the classroom is water.

POLICY: Academic Dishonesty (Plagiarism/Cheating)

You must research, create, and compose your own essays and projects. You must appropriately document research sources with citations and bibliographical entries. Cheating/Plagiarism includes the following: *copying a classmate's work, submitting another person's work as your own (including taking someone's revisions as your own), taking phrases, sentences, or larger sections of work from another source and putting it into your own work without quotations and citations, rephrasing someone else's work without crediting the source from which you took it, sending/receiving electronic pictures of student work, answers etc. Not all assignments are meant to be collaborated upon with a group or partner.*

If you plagiarize or cheat, you will receive a **zero** on the assignment. Talking during a test will result in a zero. Students are not allowed phones/technological devices while testing and/or participating in an assessment process. All offenses are referred to the office. Repeat offenses will result in further consequences. You are responsible for your actions and academic dishonesty will not be tolerated.

POLICY: BYOT

LISD is committed to make learning opportunities available through *Bring Your Own Technology*. It is our goal that students and teachers will collaborate in rich, engaging learning experiences using technology. Students may bring their own technology (notebooks, iPads, and e-Readers) and utilize personal electronic communication devices in the classroom when the teacher deems them appropriate for educational purposes. FM9 is a 1:X campus and the *iPad is the preferred method of technology*. All inappropriate and/or non-academic use of personal technology will result in disciplinary consequences. CELL PHONES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTES FOR iPADS. ***The student must be responsible in charging the device ahead of class.***

POLICY: CELL PHONES

All cell phones should be put away at the beginning of class. Students should not be on social media at anytime during the class. Students are not allowed to take pictures of other students, or use the phone in a manner that constitutes in any way academic dishonesty. Students are not allowed phones/technological devices while testing and/or participating in an assessment process. *(see academic dishonesty section)*

TIPS FOR SUCCESS: (READ CAREFULLY)

- Keep up with assignments; you should expect to have homework in a PreAP course.
- Be prepared for class. If the assignment was to read an article, then read the article before coming to class.
- Pay attention in class.
- Take notes during all of class time. Don't wait for the teacher to tell you to do it.
- Do not panic if a grade does not reflect perfection. Remember this acronym: FAIL= First Attempt In Learning.
- Develop good study habits.
- Learn to organize your time.
- Don't procrastinate. It only makes things worse.
- If the lesson does not require technology, stay off of your technological devices!
- You really have to read the books to pass the class.
- If you are willing to work, teachers are willing to work with you.
- Ask questions.
- Do things right the first time.
- Follow directions.
- Know your goals. Do not be swayed by people who have none.
- Lack of responsibility on your part does not constitute an emergency on the teacher's part.
- If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed.
- If you are given two weeks to complete a project, it probably means you need two weeks to do it well.
- Your assignments are your responsibility; own your learning.
- Learn how to effectively communicate with your teachers through email, conferencing, and tutoring.
- Attend study sessions and tutoring when extra help is needed.
- It's not about the grade. It's about what you learn.
- Most importantly, own your learning.

"I _____, have read and acknowledged the 20167-2018 course syllabus for GT PreAp English I and agree to all of the policies and procedures. Signing this document signifies that I have read and understood the section on plagiarism and cheating and the B.Y.O.T. cell phone and iPad use during class."

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

"I _____, have read the policies and procedures for my child for the GT PreAP English I classroom and by signing this document I grant permission for my student to use Remind notifications in the class."

Parent/Legal Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____