

KEYS TO YOU SUCCESS

What do I do if I need help?

Don't be afraid to ask questions during class. It is a sign that you are interested in learning. No question is foolish. If I answer your question and you are still confused, please see me privately, and I will be happy to set up a time to help you.

Do you use computers in your class?

We use computers almost every day, so make sure they are charged. Many assignments and resources are posted in Google Classroom. Be respectful and follow the computer usage guidelines and use computer etiquette (manners). Breaking the rules may result in the loss of computer privileges or additional consequences.

What do I do if I'm Absent?

When you return to school after being absent, please see me before homeroom to get your back work. You have two school days to hand in assignments once you return. However, I understand that there may be extenuating circumstances. If this is the case, see me, and we will make a plan.

If you are absent from English, but you are on campus, you are responsible for handing in your homework and picking up the daily assignment. This happens a lot when students have instrument lessons, extra chorus practices, or in-house solos. If you do not turn it in, it is considered late.

What happens if I get into trouble?

If you are respectful, responsible, and ready to learn, you don't have anything to worry about. If you are having a bad day, we will have a conversation to discuss how you can turn it around. If that becomes a challenge, depending on the situation, further consequences may occur: 1) a call home to parents, 2) a referral or formal documentation of your behavior, or 3) a visit to the principal's office.

ENGLISH ASSESSMENTS

Assignments

Homework is important because it indicates whether or not you understand the materials being taught or if we need to review. For this reason, it is important to do your work independently. If you are confused, see me for help. Periodically, you will take a quiz or test to see if you mastered the content and skills practiced in homework. Please study for tests and quizzes.

Do we have state tests?

Yes, you will be taking state test for English. Don't stress, but take them seriously. If you participate in class and do your homework, you will be prepared. Review classes will be offered a few weeks before the test. Please plan to attend.

What are final exams?

A final exam is given at the end of the year to see how well you mastered the reading and writing skills practiced throughout the year. Take these tests seriously, but again, if you pay attention all year, you will be fine. Final exams are 20% of your overall grade. In other words, your overall grade point average (GPA) in English is an average of your four report card grades and your final exam score.