

# English 1/ English I Honors Grade 9 Syllabus 2023-2024

## *The City of Hialeah Educational Academy*

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### **Introduction:**

Welcome to high school English and Language Arts. This year we will continue focusing on students' knowledge of language and literature. They will be moving beyond simple analyzation and working hard to evaluate different levels of meaning within an author's or poet's work. They will be introduced to an array of literary and informational texts and styles beginning in the classical period and ending in contemporary styles. Students will also be building their vocabulary and grammatical skills in order to become stronger writers.

### **Course Objectives:**

Some of the main topics covered include:

#### **Literature:**

Story Details, Summarize, and Point of View  
Analyzing Elements of Fiction  
Understanding Poetry and Drama  
Identifying Comparisons/Contrast

#### **Informational Text:**

Main Idea, Supporting Details, and Summary  
Inferencing  
Vocabulary  
Text Structures  
Compare and Contrast  
And more....

#### **Writing:**

Argumentative Essays  
Informative Essays  
Rhetorical Essays  
Short stories  
*Specific writing skills that are necessary such as grammar.*

### **Required Supplies:**

*The teacher may request additional supplies for specific projects throughout the school year.*

- Organizational Strategy (Folder or Binder, USB Flash drive or Google Drive files)
- #2 pencil
- Black or blue pen
- Red pen
- Highlighters (different colors)
- Lined paper
- **Highly recommended:** Laptop or Tablet (*cellular devices not allowed for Google Classroom assignments*).

Additionally, the following are **REQUIRED** throughout the entire school year:

- Course Textbook/ Readings

- Any required novels. Please note that novels are subject to change; therefore, students should wait to purchase until instructed to do so.
- Access to the internet to utilize required sites, and an active email address (it will be the student's responsibility to remember their usernames and passwords)
- Accounts of the different websites needed for the course. (*Google Classroom, vocabulary.com, NoRedInk*)

### **Home Learning:**

Home learning will be displayed weekly in class and graded weekly unless otherwise noted. Students should also stay up to date and aware of any changes made through Google Classroom. Students are expected to manage their time wisely, particularly with long term assignments like those required through vocabulary.com and NoRedInk.

### **Student Evaluation**

Grades are based on the Miami-Dade County Grading Scale.

#### **GRADING SCALE:**

90 - 100 = A	4 pts.	3.5 - 4.0	average
80 - 89 = B	3 pts.	2.5 - 3.49	average
70 - 79 = C	2 pts.	1.5 - 2.49	average
60 - 69 = D	1 pt.	1.0 - 1.49	average
Below 59 = F	0 pts.	Below 1.0	average

Students are evaluated based on the criteria below:

- Major Assessments/Tests: 30%
- Minor Assessments/Quizzes: 25%
- Classwork: 20%
- Homework: 5%
- Projects/Essays/Cooperative Presentations: 20%

### **Class Expectations**

- Be seated and prepared before the class bell rings.
- Be respectful of classmates, teachers, and all staff.
- Have all the necessary materials ready.
- Participate and be attentive during classroom instruction.
- No food or drinks allowed in class unless it is a sealed water bottle. (No food from the vending machine)
- No cell phone use during class time. All cellphones will be collected during the first 15 minutes of class.

### **Late Work**

Per the school policy, late work resulting from Excused Absences will be accepted within the acceptable time frame. Work will not be accepted beyond the acceptable time frame of 3 academic school days. I reserve the right to input a "Z" in the grade book if the student does not attempt to make up the assignment.

## **Plagiarism and Cheating**

Cheating is completely UNACCEPTABLE if a student is caught cheating they will receive a **Z**, a call home will be made and administration will be notified. Plagiarism is considered cheating, if/when caught the cheating procedures will apply.

### **Attendance:**

Attendance is necessary in order to successfully pass the class.

### **Make-Ups:**

- Late work will not be accepted unless authorized by the teacher. If work is not turned in on the day it is due the student will receive a **Z** for that assignment.
- If the teacher authorized the student to turn in work late, the grade received will be **no higher than a B** on the assignment if turned in on the authorized due date. If the student does not turn in work on the authorized due date, the grade will be a **Z** for that assignment.
- If the student has an excused absence, it is their responsibility to find out what work was missed from a peer or from the teacher. The student will then have the next class to complete the work.

### **COHEA's Leadership Foundation**

#### **Honor: We will always...**

- tell the truth.
- do the right thing.
- be team players.
- take responsibility for our actions.
- be hard working.
- be proactive, not reactive.

#### **Respect: We will always ...**

- respect the rights of others to learn.
- show respect for ourselves, our school, and others.
- conduct ourselves in a courteous and appropriate manner.
- be compassionate towards all members of the Bulldog Nation.
- Be considerate of others' opinions.

#### **Loyalty: We will always ...**

- care for others to build trust.
- help others reach their potential.
- steer clear of gossip.
- strive to be consistent and reliable.
- stay true to our words.
- be humble.