

## **SUMMARY OF COURSE CONTENT**

The tenth grade English curriculum is aligned with the state's Common Core curriculum. The required reading is an integral part of daily activities, so it is imperative that students thoughtfully prepare for a discussion and activities based on the assigned selections. Expect reading quizzes. Moreover, the required summer reading book, House Rules, by Jodi Picoult, will be tested in some form (a test, a paper, a project), and will be counted in the first quarter average. Further, writing assignments will be primarily literature-based, though may also include argumentative papers, creative pieces, and research-based papers.

## **SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR CLASS**

Students need their charged Chromebook, a folder with pockets, loose-leaf paper, access to their Google Drive account, markers, colored pencils, a highlighter, blue or black pens, and pencils.

## **PARENT PORTAL:**

Grades will be posted to the Parent Portal as the school year's quarters dictate. It is expected that parents will contact the instructor if there are any concerns regarding student grades. Please contact the guidance office if needed regarding usage of the Parent Portal.

## **FINAL EXAM:**

All students must take the English 10 Honors final exam at the specified time. There will be no make-up dates for the exam. Should a student be absent from the exam, he or she will receive a zero for that portion of the exam unless able to produce a medical excuse from a doctor or a legal excuse.

## **MAKE-UP POLICY FOR HOMEWORK, ESSAYS, TESTS, AND QUIZZES**

Any work missed as a result of an absence must be made up the following day unless the student missed more than one day of class. This is the personal responsibility of the student. If present on the day an essay or other assignment was assigned but absent on the due date, the essay will be expected on the day of your return. When returning from an absence, the student is responsible for getting all assignments and turning them in the next class meeting. Also, the student is responsible for turning in anything that was due when absent.

## **LATE ASSIGNMENTS**

Short assignments will be accepted one day late with a penalty of 50% and will not be accepted after that. Longer assignments (essays, projects) will be accepted up to three days late with a loss of 10% each day, and will not be

accepted after three days. If a draft is not done on the date due, there will be a loss of points for draft completion *and* on the final essay grade, since draft due dates are also editing/revising days, and the student will be unable to participate in class on that day. Full drafts are turned in with the final unless otherwise directed.

### **ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS**

1. No texting or phone use. If I see a student phone at any time, it will be confiscated until the end of that day.
2. Complete all work neatly, on time, and to the best of your ability.
3. Follow all rules as they are stated in the student handbook.
4. Be prepared with all necessary materials, supplies, and assignments.
5. Be attentive and respectful to all members of class at all times.
6. In the event that a substitute is called to take over the class, be polite and cooperative.
7. Follow the rules of the classroom with both the instructor and any substitute teacher.
8. Leave food and drink in the cafeteria.
9. You are required to have your agenda in class and will not be allowed into class late or be allowed to leave class without an agenda pass. Your agenda is to be used daily to record assignments; therefore, it must be kept intact throughout the year.
10. Follow all CDC health guidelines.

### **ETHICAL POLICY**

All work must be your own. If you are caught cheating in any form (copying work, using someone else's answers, or **plagiarizing**), you will receive a "0" for the assignment or test, and your parents will be contacted. If it occurs a second time, the matter will be dealt with by the principal, and further disciplinary action will be taken.

### **TEACHER AVAILABILITY**

I am available most days after school or at a mutually agreed upon time. Please confirm with me the day you plan to stay so I remain in my room at 2:15.

### **EXTRA CREDIT WORK**

Extra credit work may be arranged between a student and the instructor well in advance of a quarter's end. No extra credit will be given unless all the required work has been completed in a timely manner.

**English 10R: Mrs. Donovan**

**I have read and understand the course expectations and policies.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_