

# English 2

## Welcome to English 2!

### Class Expectations

1. **Be on time.**
2. **Be prepared.** Come to class with all necessary materials be prepared to work.
3. **Be on task.** Actively engage in the learning process by participating in all classroom activities until the end of the class period.
4. **Be respectful.** Be respectful of the teacher, each other, yourself, and our shared space at all times.
5. **All IPHS rules and policies** will be observed in the classroom.

### Class Supplies

- One notebook (spiral OR composition)
  - Should be least 100 pages & wide ruled
- Folder OR binder (½ in)
  - Should have 3 prongs and pockets
- Pencils and/or blue or blank ink pens
- Chromebook (provided by school)
- Highlighters or colored pens (optional)
- One pair of earbuds or headphones (suggested)
- One box of Kleenex (appreciated)

### Course Description

The purpose of this class is to not only prepare you for English 3 and the STAAR test, but to develop your skills as critical thinkers, readers, writers, speakers, and listeners. These skills are not only important in the English classroom, but they are also a critical component of achieving success in other school subjects, building strong relationships with others, and being successful in your future career. In many ways, the quality of life you experience now through adulthood will be directly impacted by how well you read, write, and communicate with others.

### Where do I go to find assignments or class information?

We will be using both Schoology and Google Classroom this year to submit essays, complete digital assignments, participate in class discussions, and post links for class. Some assignments will also be posted directly to Skyward or in our online textbook platform.

- All official grades will be updated in Skyward.**
- Missing assignments will be listed in Skyward.**

### Google

### Classroom Codes

2nd Period: **gaq44cv**  
 5th Period: **dcubhec**  
 6th Period: **zdrqzpk**  
 7th Period: **pffpyqk**

### Do I have to read outside of class?

While we will read many things together as a class, all students will be expected to also read independently. Students will be assigned class novels and short stories throughout the year, and some of the reading for those assignments will need to be completed outside of class. Students will also be expected to read library books independently outside of class for book reports.

*\*Audio options will be available for many of these assignments.*



### Chromebook Policy

We will be using chromebooks regularly in class.

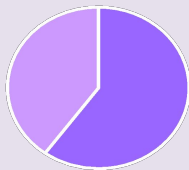
Students are expected to use their chromebooks only for educational purposes, and only when instructed. Failure to comply will result in the same consequences as breaking a class rule and may result in the loss of device usage. Chromebooks should be charged before class because outlets in class are limited.

### What about my phone?

Phones are not permitted to be used at any time during any class. They must be turned off and placed in the phone holder during class times.

## Grade Breakdown

- ❖ 60% - Assessments  
~Tests, essays, projects, presentations, book reports etc.  
~You will receive at least 3 assessment grades each grading period.
- ❖ 40% - Daily Assignments  
~Daily work, participation grades, quizzes, homework, etc.



■ Assessments   ■ Daily Grades

## How will I check my grade?

Class progress reports will be sent electronically via e-mail or in paper form every three weeks. Parents and students are also strongly encouraged to check Skyward on a weekly basis to view the most current grades for EVERY class.

## What do I do if I am absent?

Students are responsible for following up with the teacher about any work they missed during an absence.

Students are encouraged to check the weekly agenda google slides posted in Google Classroom when absent in order to see what happened in class while they were absent. AFTER the students have determined what assignments they have missed, they can then ask the teacher for handouts or any questions they have about the lessons and assignments they missed.

If previously assigned work was due on the day of the absence, the work is due on the **first** day the student returns otherwise it is considered late.

The number of days students are absent determines the amount of time they will have to make up work. Upon returning to school, students will have one day for every day they were absent to turn in any work assigned while they were gone.

If a test was administered on a day a student was absent, the student must schedule a time with the teacher within the following week to come in and make up the test.

## What happens if I turn in an assignment late?

- Work not completed and turned in by the assigned due date will be considered late.
- *Completed late work will receive only partial credit.* 5 points will be deducted for every day the assignment is past due. Assignments turned in more than five school days after the due date will not receive credit.
- Students who are missing more than 2 assignments in a week, will be assigned to Midweek Makeups. Missing work not completed in Midweek Makeups will not be accepted later.
- Failure to attend Midweek Makeups will result in disciplinary action.

## What do I do if I need help?

If you find yourself confused or in need of extra help with ANY assignment, please come see me. I'm available for tutorials most days, and I'm always more than willing to help you.

Tutorials will be offered:

- Before school Tuesday – Friday from 7:30 – 8:00 am
- After school Monday – Friday from 3:30 – 4:00 pm

## Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using someone else's work as your own. Absolutely no plagiarism will be tolerated in any English class. This includes both essays and other assignments. Copying answers from a friend, from a google search or a website, or from any other source is plagiarism.

Students will be taught to properly cite sources for assignments that require them, and they should confer with the teacher about any uncertainty before submitting the assignment. A student who is caught plagiarizing will receive a zero for that assignment. The assignment will not be eligible for corrections or resubmission. A second offense will result in a zero for the assignment and an office referral.

