

English 3
2018/19 School Year
Room: S-3

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What This Course Is About

Welcome to English. The purpose of this course is to equip students with concrete reading and writing skills that will enable them to learn independently. Students will learn and practice proven strategies so they can be successful in school and life.

Course Goals

- Develop reading skills for use with both literature and non-fiction textbook materials.
- Develop critical thinking skills.
- Develop study skills.
- Develop vocabulary.
- Develop writing skills.
- Develop language skills.
- Develop listening skills.
- Develop self-esteem by demonstrating the ability to read and learn independently.

Required Materials & Supplies

Students will need to come class prepared with (1) composition note book, (2) pen or pencil, (3) planner & (4) positive attitude.

- headphones are recommended but not required

General Classroom Procedures

The course operates in a highly structured environment. Each day the class begins with Do Now's then whole group instruction.

Campus Communication Tools

You will receive instruction on using Aeries, an important online communication tool used by Liberty High School. Make sure you check Aeries often and assess your progress in this and the rest of your courses.

Website

This year I has created a class website for us. You can access it from Aeries or simply type in the address: <http://mrsboccio.weebly.com> I will post any assignments or handouts there as well as use the Blog to engage in different conversations with the class.

Contacting the Teacher

It is best to contact me via email at my address listed at the top of the syllabus. I will usually respond to your email within 48 hours (typically sooner). You can also leave me an important message at the phone number listed above. **Email is preferred.**

Classroom Policies/Guidelines

You are expected to adhere to the Liberty High School policies/guidelines at all times. These are in place to ensure your success and safety as well as those of your classmates and teachers. See student handbook for details.

Note: Personal electronic devices such as a cell phone, iPod, laptop computer, are occasionally allowed in our classroom; I will inform you of appropriate times and ways to do so.

What You Can Expect From Me

It is my goal to provide you with the highest quality-learning environment and the highest quality course instruction to help you succeed and reach your important academic goals. I am committed to making this experience relevant to you, interesting, and as enjoyable as I can. I intend to come to class prepared and on time, treat you with respect, and conduct class in an active and engaging manner.

Grading Policy

In-class performance and participation: 50%

(Includes completion of Daily Do Now's/Wrap-Up, proper use of computers, Daily Silent Reading and Participation during textbook/writing time).

Quizzes/Tests: 25%

Essays/Writing: 25%

Syllabus Signature and Acknowledgement
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I have read and understood the course syllabus and understand the requirements and policies for this course.

Student Name: (please print)

Student Signature:

Parent/Guardian Name: (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Parent email:

Parent Daytime Phone Number:

Comments: