**Grade 123 English Course Outline**

**2017-2018**

Welcome to English 123!

English 123 is a one-semester course focused on the following strands of the English Language Arts Curriculum: Reading and Viewing, Writing and Representing, and Speaking and Listening. Students will engage in various forms of writing, reading, and discussion through themed multi-genre units.

You will also be expected to read daily. You may choose books from the classroom library, the school or public library, or from your own personal collection. You will be expected to devote 20 minutes every night to reading and will be given class time to read. Homework will also consist of completing assignments that were not finished in class.

Evaluation and assessments will be conducted in a variety of ways, including quizzes, tests, essays, projects, and presentations. Students will be marked for work done in class and on assignments to be completed at home. An exam is written at the end of the semester.

Writing will focus on real-world connections, with the following purposes as a focus:

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| Express and Reflect | Inform and Explain |
| Evaluate and Judge | Analyze and Interpret |
| Take a Stand/Propose a Solution |  |

**Evaluation**

**Marks will be calculated as follows:**

Reading and Viewing 40%

Writing and Representing 40%

Speaking and Listening 20%

Progress 1 – 35%

Progress 2 – 35%

Final Exam – 30%

**Materials (if not already purchased):**

* Lined notebook(s) totaling at least 100 pages (can be Hilroy scribblers or coiled notebook)
* Binder for notes and handouts
* Loose leaf
* Pens/pencils
* USB

**Language Arts Outcomes**

**Speaking and Listening**

1. Students will be expected to speak and listen to explore, extend, clarify and reflect on their thoughts, ideas, feelings and experiences.
2. Students will be expected to communicate information and ideas effectively and clearly, and to respond personally and clearly.
3. Students will be expected to interact with sensitivity and respect, considering the situation, audience and purpose.

**Reading and Viewing**

1. Students will be expected to select, read and view with understanding a range of literature, information, media and visual texts.
2. Students will be expected to interpret, select and combine information, using a variety of strategies, resources, and technologies.
3. Students will be expected to respond personally to a range of texts.
4. Students will be expected to respond critically to a range of texts, applying their understanding of language, form and genre.

**Writing and Representing**

1. Students will be expected to use writing and other forms of representation to explore, clarify and reflect on their thoughts, feelings, experiences, and to use their imaginations.
2. Students will be expected to create texts collaboratively and independently, using a variety of forms for a range of audiences and purposes.
3. Students will be expected to use a range of strategies to develop effective writing and other ways of representing, and to enhance clarity, precision, and effectiveness.