

ENGLISH I COURSE OVERVIEW

Instructor: Diane Franz
df Franz@houstonisd.org
(713) 741-2410

In English I the student will integrate the language arts skills of speaking, listening, writing, and reading through the study of literature themes. Through an integrated approach to the study of composition, literature, and usage, the students will gain a better understanding of themselves and their relationships with others.

SUPPLIES:

1. black or blue pen, red pen, highlighters
2. 3 ring notebook (any color) with loose leaf paper
3. 5 dividers labeled as follows:
 - a. Grade Sheet
 - b. Warm-Up
 - c. Grammar
 - d. Literature
 - e. Strategies
4. 3X5 index cards
5. Textbooks: Elements of Language, Language of Literature, and Word Power for SAT

CLASS RULES: *Failure to comply with class rules will result in conduct cut.

1. BE PROMPT: be on time and in your seat before the tardy bell rings.
2. BE PREPARED: bring all materials to class everyday.
3. BE POLITE: be respectful to yourself, classmates, the teacher, and school personnel.
4. BE PRODUCTIVE: complete assignments on time and participate in class discussions.
5. NO FOOD, DRINKS, OR GUM IN CLASS

ATTENDANCE AND TARDY POLICY will be followed by the guidelines set in the student handbook.

MAKE-UP WORK:

1. Make-up work will be given for excused and unexcused absences. An excused or unexcused absence will be given 3 school days (not class days) for completion.
2. Upon returning to school, collect your make-up assignments from a classmate, or see the teacher before or after school, before or after class, or during lunch. **IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO COLLECT HIS/HER MAKE-UP WORK**

LATE WORK:

Late work will be accepted 1 class day (not school day) late, but the highest possible grade awarded will be a 70. An assignment turned in anytime after 1 class day will be awarded a zero.

GRADING:

	1 st Cycle	2 nd , 4 th , and 5 th Cycle	3 rd and 6 th Cycle
Summer Reading	30%		
Daily work/quizzes	25%	15%	25%
Writing	35%	35%	35%
Common Assessment	10%	10%	
Test		40%	40%

CONDUCT- an “S” in conduct will be given for any of the following:

1. excessive talking
2. disrespectful to teacher, peers or guest
3. failure to return forms with parent or guardians signature (progress report, growth plan, detention form, etc.)

TEST RETURN POLICY: Graded test (scantron/essay) will be returned to the students to view their grade during the class hour once all make-up exams are complete, but then they will be returned to the teacher. A copy of the test may not be taken from the classroom. A student or parent may come before school, at lunch or at another prearranged time to discuss and go over the test, test results and answers.

It is in the student's best interest that we work together. I will forward notes and progress reports through your son/daughter. In addition, phone calls will be made during school hours, if necessary. Please sign below indicating that you and your child understand the above expectations for English I and return it on _____.

STUDENT NAME (PRINT) _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____