

AP Statement of Understanding

Welcome to Skyview’s Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition course!

Students who enter this course should have a commitment to their own growth and development as learners. Successful AP students understand that “trying hard” is a given in AP and does not necessarily merit a high grade. AP students practice the habits that support their own success. First and foremost, their punctual and consistent attendance supports their academic progress. In addition, AP students do all homework in a timely manner, read outside of class, take notes, participate actively in class discussion, and are not afraid to ask questions.

This is a college class that addresses the literary styles of a variety of authors from the 15th century forward. Good literature is a reflection of the human condition – both the positive and the negative aspects. **Students and their parents need to understand that the works studied will often address serious issues** such as: identity, racism, mortality, poverty, sexism, violence, suicide, religion, etc. The goal of studying these texts is to analyze with objectivity HOW writers create meaning and inform their readers as to what it means to be human.

There is no extra credit in this class or any serious college class. **No late work is accepted** in this class. Students are informed in advance of important assignments so they can plan accordingly. This allows them plenty of time to complete assignments. They are expected to manage their time effectively and avoid procrastination. Failure to do so results in consequences that the student must accept; this is part of learning.

Plagiarism is considered the theft of another’s work. **Submitting plagiarized work for this course will result in a zero for that assignment.** The Vancouver School District subscribes to Turnitin.com, which is a site that checks student work for plagiarism. All work done outside of class must be typed in MLA format and submitted to Turnitin.com by the date requested. Occasionally, a “hard” paper copy of the assignment will also be requested.

If a student’s grade falls below a C, a teacher/parent/student conference may be called to determine an appropriate plan of action for improvement. Pre-AP and AP courses demand a commitment from teachers, students, and parents who support student learning. Advanced Placement coursework is both challenging and fun for the student who likes to work hard to achieve clearly defined goals. AP English Literature and Composition is a year-long course of study which culminates in an AP exam which can afford college credit.

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We have read and understand the nature of the AP challenge: Date _____

(print name) _____
Student

(print name) _____
Parent

(signature) _____
Student

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Parent

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