

***North Valleys High School***

***English Learners***

***EL Advanced English***

Welcome! ☺ The focus of this class is to improve your English language skills. This classroom (208) is a safe space for you. We want to help you feel comfortable speaking, writing, reading, and listening in English. In addition, all the students in this class are taking an English class with native English speakers for the first time, so we will spend some time supporting each other with this (as well as other classes).

**Grading**

Your overall course grade will be calculated based on the following categories:

Vocabulary 15%

Language Use 20%

Essays and Journals 25%

Classwork (In-class Readings) 25%

Final Exam 15%

Late Work: Being prepared and meeting deadlines are skills you will need to have in order to keep a job as an adult. So, start those habits now! You are expected to be on time with all assignments. If there is an emergency and you need to be late on an assignment, you can still turn it in - but you will no longer be eligible for full credit on that assignment.

* Daily Assignments: These assignments can always be handed in the next day for full credit. If you wait longer than that, they can be handed in at any time until a week before the quarter ends. However, if they are late, your work will likely earn no higher than a C.
* Projects: These larger and more time-consuming assignments will not be accepted past their original due date. This is because we will have likely spent a lot of time in class working on it. Please use your time wisely and **always ask questions** if you need to.

**Class Rules**

\*\*of course - all NVHS rules and policies apply!\*\*

\*\*You will be marked tardy if you are not in the room when the bell rings\*\*

\*\*Academic dishonesty (cheating and/or plagiarism) will result in a zero on that assignment, as well as a parent phone call or meeting and a possible discipline referral (see ethics policy)\*\*

**Be Respectful**

People can only learn new things when they can admit what they don’t know. This requires a sense of safety and respect, which does not only come from the teacher. We must show respect for each other by using appropriate language and being open to the variety of experiences and learning styles of different people.

**Be Responsible**

Show up to class on time and prepared with your materials. Follow through on what you need to do – homework, studying, and paying attention - so that you make the most of your time in this class.

**Be Ready to Learn**

You are here to learn and participate, not to just take up space. We are all aware of how important time is, so we’re not going to waste any.

**Technology Use**

We are lucky to be able to use laptops every day. Therefore, we will be doing some assignments on the computer and on the internet. Some writing assignments will be in the form of a blog, which you may choose to keep private. Please note that signing the WCSD Technology Agreement and the Acceptable Use Policy are required in order to take advantage of these benefits. All policies in those agreements are fully enforced.

**Please look over, sign, and return the attached Technology Contract for EL courses and the Consent Form for Online Tools.**

Personal cell phones and devices: please use your manners. If a cell phone disrupts class in any way, I will take the phone from you, store it safely, and give it back to you at the end of the class period. If this is a repeated problem, more serious consequences will result, such as confiscation through the discipline office and a referral.

**Supplies and Materials**

Pencils, pens with blue or black ink, blank college ruled paper, 2-pocket folder or separate section of larger binder for homework and other take-home papers. Students will be provided a composition book which we use in class every day.

**Contacting Ms. Loar**

I am here to help and I love to do it! The best way to reach me is by coming to room 208 or by email. You can email me at [cloar@washoeschools.net](mailto:cloar@washoeschools.net). I am available for tutoring after school and at lunch, so feel free to stop by. You can also call me at the school’s main number: 775-321-3250, and then I’m at extension 32639.

*Together, let’s make this a great school year!*