



JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

COURSE SYLLABUS

English

Government/Economics

Art



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Within the courses your student is enrolled, he/she will be working towards personal success in the California Core Content Standards.

- **English 9-12:** The students will be challenged to become better critical thinkers; develop vocabulary and language skills; use prior knowledge; develop research skills; use graphic organizers; participate in hands-on projects; respond to literature; write well thought out essays; and delve into the written world through poetry, short essays and fiction. Students will be using a variety of media resources in their classes to support and enhance their learning experience (iPads, computers, audio, and video files). Students in their 12th grade year will participate in a Senior project in which they may choose from participating in an end of year gallery showcase or work on their own outside of school. All guidelines for this project will be given to them in their Senior English class

- **Biology:** During the course of the year, we will explore the following basic principles of biology, which satisfy the CA state standards: Cell Biology, Genetics, Ecology, Evolution, Physiology, Investigation and Experimentation. This is a laboratory course where we will investigate these principles of life science within the classroom and out in our garden. Not only will you gain a vast knowledge of biology, but you will learn life-long organization and study skills which will help you as you progress through your academic career.

- **Fine Arts:** The visual arts program offers students comprehensive art experiences with detailed explorations in the classics such as painting, drawing, ceramics, sculpture, and crafts. Art in school is both a body of knowledge and a series of activities. Fundamentally, learning in art has four major components. The goal of art education is the development of these areas:
 - by making art (art production);
 - by responding to and making judgments about the properties and qualities that exist in visual forms (art criticism);
 - by acquiring knowledge about the contributions artists and art make to culture and society (art history);
 - by understanding the nature, meaning, and value of art (aesthetics).

- **Material Needed**
 - 3 ring binder with dividers
 - College ruled paper/notebooks for each class
 - Pens, pencils, erasers, rulers

- **Course Requirements and Expectations**
 - Students are expected to participate fully in class discussions, reading activities, group work, hands-on projects and independent practice. If a student is unable to finish an activity in class, it will be expected to be completed before the next school day. The students must come to class with text books, paper, pencils, binders, and a backpack/bag. Students will be responsible for all their assignments, unfinished classwork and important fliers, handouts and documents.
 - All classwork must be made up if you are absent, excused or not. It is the student's responsibility to ask their teachers for any missed assignments.
 - All work must be submitted on 3 ringed, college ruled paper, or type written. Any work handed in ripped, stained or punctured will be deducted in points.
 - Students must write their Name (first and last), Date, Period and Subject in the upper right hand corner of each and every assignment.
 - Students work must be neat and clean. Please check and double check your work prior to handing it in for mistakes and grammatical errors.

- All students will be held accountable for upholding the school's **Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism Policies**. Students who cheat on homework, tests or essays will receive no credit for that part of the assignment. **Cheating** is defined as (1) unauthorized copying from another student on any assignments; (2) allowing other to copy your work or in any other way assisting another student to cheat during homework, classwork, quizzes, tests or final exams. Plagiarism is defined as copying or borrowing extensively from another student's work or failure to properly give credit for an author's ideas or words.
- Students are held to the highest behavior standards. The class rules are posted in the classroom for the students to follow:
 - Be safe, be respectful, be responsible
 - Follow teacher and staff directions immediately
 - Use appropriate language and manners
 - Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself
- In class it is not acceptable to use cell phones, music devices, apply make-up, do your hair, wear hats, swearing, teasing or disrespecting someone because of race, religion, gender, gender expression, economical background, body image or sexual orientation.
- Students are to follow school dress codes as present in the Parent/Student handbook. Any student seen in violation of the dress code will be found by the teacher as a disruption to the class and will be asked to report the Vice Principal for consultation.
- Any student may be given a referral to the office for acting out in class, causing disruptions and fighting. A student may also be requested to participate in a parent/teacher conference. Often times the students will be asked to take some time outside the door to calm down, or will be asked to go to their buddy room, down in D2 to finish work in an alternative environment.
- **Homework:** Only unfinished classwork will be seen as homework. All assignments given in class will be allotted enough time for the student to complete within each class period.
- **Tests/Quizzes:** Quizzes and tests will be based on reading, vocabulary development, class activities, independent practice, direct instruction and group discussions. If the student is absent during a quiz/test, they will make it up.
- **Essays:** The student will be writing expository, persuasive, research, compare/contrast and analytical essays throughout many of their courses. As well, students will practice oral presentation in front of the class.
- **Semester Exams:** These exams will reflect the knowledge the student has obtained through their classwork, discussions, daily lessons, activities, independent work, readings, research and homework. The students should organize and save all activities, notes, independent practice, essays and journals to help prepare for their exams.
- **Grades:**
- **100% - 90%** **A** **Compositions** **25%**
- **89% - 80%** **B** **Quizzes/Tests** **25%**
- **79% - 70%** **C** **Daily Lessons** **25%**
- **69%-60%** **D** **Participation** **25%**
- **59% - below** **F**

- **(Detach this piece and send back to school. Keep the syllabus at home with you).**
- **Parents/Guardians:**
- Throughout the course of this school year, I will challenge your student in maintaining high academic and behavior standards. This syllabus is designed to keep you informed of your student's high school career, what is expected of them and their responsibilities. **Please sign and date below signifying that you have read and agree to the classroom and school policies.** Feel free to contact me via school email robin-gunning@scusd.edu or call me at 433-5200 ext. 1404 and I will return your inquiry within 24 hours.
- Parent/Guardian Signature _____
- Student Signature _____
- Email address I can reach parent/guardian _____
- Phone number I can reach parent/guardian _____