



# 2023-2024 COURSE SYLLABUS

Course English 9  
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## Course Description

Welcome to English 9! This course is designed to tap into all your experiences with reading, writing, listening, and speaking to set you up for success for high school, college, and your day-to-day lives. English 9 will imbue in you many powers of language: changing minds, telling your stories, and bringing the attention and change your community deserves. Class activities and assignments will work to this goal by building your language skills and appreciation.

## Class Expectations

- Respect each other, staff, equipment, and our space
- Persevere through challenges
- Work together for everyone's learning
- Be receptive to feedback and new ideas
- Come to class on time and prepared (mentally, physically, and assignments complete)

## Classroom Rules

- Clean up after yourself
- Keep your phone put away
- Headphones can only be used during SSR or when directed by the teacher
- Get permission before recording or photographing anything or anyone else

## Materials

- Black or blue pen, and pencils
- One notebook to be kept in class
- Highlighters
- Technology (phone and Chromebook) as directed by the teacher

## Grading

- Major Assessments: 50%
  - Tests
  - Essays
  - Presentations/Projects
  - Quizzes
- Minor Assessments: 50%
  - Classwork
  - Participation
  - Book Logs
  - Grammar Practice



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## Late Work

We will complete as much work in class as possible, and anything that wasn't completed will become homework. This may be in the form of reading, researching, writing essays, preparing for in-class discussions, or reviewing for a test. Typically, traditional homework will not be assigned. Cases for late work and extensions will be handled as follows:

- Absent
  - If you anticipate or know you will be absent, notify Mr. Wong before the absence in-person or digitally. You will have as many days as you were absent to make up the assignment.
- Not Absent
  - If you turn in work late and were not absent, you must have a conversation with Mr. Wong on why the work is late. Accommodations and penalties will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- Anticipated need for extensions
  - If you anticipate you will be unable to meet a deadline, you can notify Mr. Wong before the deadline. Whether and what accommodations will be granted will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

## JFK Student Support Center

Students and families who would like free supportive assistance, for personal, home, or school-related issues, are welcome to call or drop by The Student Support Center, located in C-3.

For more information, contact our coordinator, Christina Harris at [Christina-harris@scusd.edu](mailto:Christina-harris@scusd.edu) or (916) 559-0920. Services are confidential except in those situations when a student's safety is at risk.

Services provided:

- Mental health counseling (short-term individual)
- Support groups
- One-on-one mentoring (academic and personal growth)
- Crisis intervention and safety risk assessment
- Referrals to school and community resources (including food, shelter, housing, employment, public assistance, health insurance, etc.)
- Free school supplies and backpacks
- Bullying, violence, and suicide prevention education activities

*Please note that this syllabus does not constitute a contract and may be changed by the instructor to better serve students' education.*