

# ***DLP English Syllabus***

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## ***Classroom Rules***

- 1. Be Respectful**
- 2. Be Responsible**
- 3. Be Honest**
- 4. Be Compassionate**

## ***Classroom Procedures***

### **How to enter the classroom:**

- Be in your assigned seat, ready to work when the bell rings.
- Always have your folder and any materials necessary for class.

**Materials Suggested:** Pen or pencils, paper, folder (provided)

**Seating:** Seats will always be assigned and seating arrangements will change.

**Tardy:** You must be on time to class every day. If you need to use the restroom, make sure it is completed before the bell rings. If you are tardy you will make up the time after school.

**Meeting Personal Needs:** If you need to get up to sharpen a pencil, get a book, blow your nose, etc., or you are struggling with concentrating, remember to be compassionate. Others are trying to pay attention, so minimize distractions as much as possible.

**Leaving the room:** Restroom breaks should be taken before class starts, as well as any other reasons for leaving the room. If you have an emergency, we can discuss it, but make sure that it does not become a habit. All students that leave during the class must have permission and a pass from the teacher.

**Talking (appropriately in class):** Formal, academic language will be used in class at all times. Talking is allowed during specific assignments; during silent reading it will not be tolerated. Inappropriate language (cursing, swearing, street slang, gang related) will not be tolerated. Use of this language will result in detention before or after school or possible office referral. Any gang related discussions or language will be reported to the school administration and Officer McDougal, School Resource Officer.

**Food:** Needs to be healthy and eaten before the bell. No one should leave a mess. Gum is allowed, but should not be seen or heard. If food or gum becomes a problem (found stuck to ANYTHING), it will no longer be allowed.

**Student Dismissal:** All students must be seated before the bell rings. No waiting by the door to leave. No student will be dismissed until ALL are seated and quiet. I will dismiss you, not the bell.

**Grades:** Will be put in at least once a week. Please let me know if you see a problem or a mistake on PowerSchool.

**Making up work from days missed:** If you miss a day of school, it is your responsibility to talk with me before or after class to see what assignments you have missed. During class is not a good time to discuss missed work. There will be very little time to do make up work in class, so you should plan on coming to school early or staying late to do make up assignments.

**Late Work:** If you work hard and act responsibly, most of the assignments will be completed in class. Daily assignments need to be handed in on the day they are due, or points will be deducted.

**Homework:** There will be a few assignments that you will have to complete outside of class. If you really want to improve your reading ability, you must read at least 20 minutes per day outside of class. If you put in the work and the time, you will see the reward.

**iPads:** iPads should be opened only **AFTER** being asked to do so by the teacher. **The teacher will direct ALL iPad usage. NO FREE ACCESS** to iPads will be allowed. If your iPad is open on your desk during class, the teacher will assume you are using it and it will be taken away and the LHS computer policy will be followed.

**Paraprofessionals:** All adults in the classroom are to be treated as teachers, with respect and compassion. All adults will be addressed by Mr., Mrs., or Ms. and the last name (example: Mrs. Benson, Mr. Jones...). You will be required to follow the directions of the adults in the classroom.

### **Course Grading**

1. **Reading Activities** - 30%
2. **Writing Activities** - 25%
3. **Projects** - 30%
4. **Tests/Quizzes** - 15%