

# Language Arts 1- Basic/Essentials

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## **Course Description**

Language Arts 1 is the first year of the four year English Language Arts graduation requirement. Over the year, we will be working on improving our skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking and communication. This course will focus mostly on critiquing literature in relation to their time period and the different formats and structures, but we will read some narrative works by William Shakespeare and Harper Lee as well as other authors. Additionally, we will be writing expository and argumentative essays.

Continuing with the computer skills students learned last year, our learning platform will be through Google Classroom. We'll complete different assignments using tools like FlipGrid, Google Docs, and Google Slides. This is to support students with 21st Century skills and help keep them organized!

## **Classroom Rules**

1. Be respectful.
  - a. Inappropriate or rude language is not tolerated.
    - Refer to Discipline Policy for further information
  - b. Be kind to all members of our class.
  - c. *Cellphones are to be used OUTSIDE of class time.*
  - d. Headphones may be used at teacher designated times only,
2. Be responsible.
  - a. You are the key to your future and education.
  - b. Make your behavior choices wisely.
  - c. Bring a CHARGED chromebook daily and charger
3. Be ready to achieve.
  - a. Be to class on time and ready to learn.
  - b. Complete your work on time.
  - c. Ask questions when you get stuck or confused.

## **Cell Phone/Headphone Policy**

Cell Phones and headphones are to be used OUTSIDE of class time, if caught using the device WITHOUT permission the following steps will be taken

1. First, students will receive a warning/reminder to put their phone away.
2. Second Time, students will put their phone in an envelope on their desk.
  - Students will also lose 50% of their participation points for the day
  - Per board policy, if students refuse to put their cell phone away they will be sent automatically to the office
3. Third Time-Students will receive a 30 minute Detention
4. 4th Time-Students will receive a 60 minute Detention
5. 5th Time will be a referral to the office.

These steps will be followed Daily.

### **Discipline Policy**

If the classroom rules are broken the following steps will be taken.

1. Warning
2. 30 minute detention
3. 60 minute detention
4. Referral to Office

### **Required Materials**

- DAILY:
  - charged school district provided laptop*, and charger
  - Pencils and blue or black pens,
  - lined paper
  
- Recommended: highlighters, colored pencils, spiral notebook

### **Attendance:**

**Absences:** Students are responsible for any make-up work they may have missed due to being absent and will be given the same amount of days absent to complete. For example they missed Monday, so they will have one extra day to complete the assignment before it is marked late. If a student knows of an upcoming absence he/she should make prior arrangements with Ms. Paul as soon as possible.

**Tardies:** Students are expected to be in their seats and prepared for class before the late bell finishes ringing. If you are not in your proper seat or do not have your required materials ready by the time the late bell finishes ringing you will be counted tardy.

**Will follow the school-wide tardy policy enforced by administration.**

### **Participation**

Active participation is expected each day. Students are encouraged to contribute to class discussions and lessons. Students will be given points for participation daily.

### **Grading Policy**

- Students will be graded on:
  - o Participation (25%),
  - o Classwork (50%),
  - o Tests/Quizzes (25%)
- Extended time is built into the pacing of classwork, essays and projects. Therefore, if students choose not to use their time wisely, they will need to complete work outside of class time.

- Grading Scale:
  - 90-100 A
  - 80-89 B
  - 70-79 C
  - 60-69 D
  - 59 and below F (Receives 0 credits)
- Late Work or Missing Work:
  - Late work will be **deducted 10%** of earned grade.
  - Late work **must be turned in within the month**. If not, it will be given a 0.
  - **Missing work/Absent Work will be graded as a 0 in the grade book.**
  - **Missing Work cannot be made up if it is not turned in by the end of the month in which it is assigned.**
  - No late work will be accepted in the last two weeks of each semester (Semester 1: December 3rd at 11:59, Semester 2: May 19th at 11:59) **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Extra Credit: Extra credit is not frequently given and will not be given towards the end of quarter or semester.
- Grades will be updated by the teacher on Q Student Connection. On that platform overall grades will be posted, as well as due dates for assignments and assessment scores. This will also be where students can locate missing assignments.

#### **Norco High Academic Honesty Policy**

- NO cheating (this includes COPYING from another student's paper- both students will receive a consequence!)
- NO "dishonest conduct"
- NO plagiarism
- NO Collusion

#### **What will happen if I engage in academic dishonesty?**

**First offense:** Student receives a zero on the assignment. Parents will be notified of academic dishonesty.

**Second offense:** Student receives a zero on the assignment. Parents and counselors are notified of academic dishonesty. Student citizenship grade is lowered; students are unable to earn an "O" in citizenship for the semester.

**Third offense:** Student receives a zero on the assignment and a referral given to administration. Parents and administration are notified of academic dishonesty and possible disciplinary action will be taken by administration. Student citizenship is lowered again; students are unable to earn an "O" or "S" in citizenship for the semester

Please Sign and Return the Syllabus Confirmation below.

## Please Sign and Return to School

Please Sign and have your parent(s)/guardian(s) sign below after you have read the syllabus. By signing below, you are acknowledging the requirements for this class and are agreeing to follow them. I am looking forward to helping you learn and grow throughout this school year.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name(Printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check once you have added your email to your student's google classroom

I am on my Student's google Classroom account

### Best Method to Contact Below

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Fill out the Google Form Link which is also available in your student's google classroom.