Mr. Degner
English 7-8
Course Description, Rules, and Expectations
Congratulations, you have made it to Senior English here at North High. My name is Mr. Degner and I look forward to being your teacher this year. Good luck.

Course Objectives

English 7-8 is a survey of British Literature and English language arts skills. We will study various works from the genres of Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, and Drama. This class will strive to enhance each individual student’s ability to read, write, speak, listen, and think critically. We will strive to incorporate technology, music, art, and our everyday lives into our studies.

Grading

Grading is now on a 4-point scale. My personal grading scale aligns with the district grading scale. Below is the District Approved grading scale.

A – 4.0 to 3.26
B – 3.25 to 2.51
C – 2.5 to 1.76
D – 1.75 to 1.01
F – 1.00 to 0.00

Students receive grades in 2 different categories that are weighted differently. Daily assignments are weighted as 35% of the overall grade. Tests, essays, and large projects are weighted as 65% of the overall grade. There is also a category for practice work that is not graded.

Our class also uses Microsoft Canvas, which is included in our email application. A majority of assignments will be posted to our class Canvas page. It is important that you use Canvas to access assignments and submit them through the page when completed. Information on how to do this will be given to you as we get started.

Missed Class/Late Work Policy

If you are excused from class (ill, appointment, vacation, etc.) you will need to see me beforehand (if possible) to get your work. You will have a reasonable amount of time to make up what you have missed. If you are gone for an unexcused reason (skipping) you will be expected to turn any missed assignments in ASAP. The use of email is vital in communicating absences and receiving information about what was missed. At the very least, students can check Canvas for information about what the class did on the day they were absent.
**Tardy Policy**

My tardy policy aligns with the district policy concerning tardiness. It is a district expectation that all students will be in class on time and ready to begin class. Please try to make it to class on time. Your tardiness creates a distraction and interrupts the learning process. If you must come in late, don’t announce it. Quietly find your seat and try to catch up with the class.

**Class Rules and Expectations**

1. You will treat everyone who enters this class with fairness and respect. This includes fellow students, visitors, and staff. You have the right to be treated with the same respect and fairness.
2. You will learn in a safe, secure, and disciplined environment. You will abide by all rules concerning this as outlined in the Student Handbook.
3. All students will behave in a manner that does not disrupt the class. Talking-back, bullying, swearing, intimidating, fighting, inappropriate touching or anything else that is intended to cause physical or emotional harm will not be permitted in this classroom or in this school.
4. Please be on time. This means in your desk, not by the door, in the hallway, or standing by a friend’s desk.
5. Please be respectful of all property in the classroom. This includes school property, classmate’s property, and teacher property. If you use something from the classroom or borrow something from the teacher or another student, please return the item where you found it when you are finished using it.
6. Raise your hand if you have something to say. Do not shout out answers.
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Please review this syllabus with your parents or guardians and return it to me. Both you and a parent or guardian must sign this sheet.

___ I have read the attached information and I will strive to follow all rules and expectations. I understand that this class will be what I make it. I will not deny any of my classmates the right to learn in a safe, secure, and disciplined environment.

Student Signature ____________________________  Date ___________

___ I have read the above information and I will encourage my student to participate in class, to be respectful of others, and complete all assignments on time. I will become an active participant in my student’s education.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____________________________ Date ___________

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I thank you for your cooperation and I know that if we work together we can make this a fun and educational year. If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach me by calling 557-3499 ext. 8835. When leaving a message, be sure to include your name, the name of your student, and the number and time where you can be best reached. You can also email me at Corey.Degner@ops.org. I will try to get back to you as soon as possible. Again, thank you for your cooperation and I look forward to an exciting year.