



Syllabus

Course: Fusion 1

Semester: 1 & 2

Year: 2017-18

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Course Description/Overview: Fusion Reading is a two- year program in which you will learn a variety of really practical strategies. These strategies will enable you to become a proficient reader and a proficient test taker. Along the way, you will read highly engaging novels that you select, and apply the newly learned reading strategies to those novels.

Required Materials: Course texts, supplemental resources, lined paper, are provided. Students should bring a sharpened pencil every day and are expected to have materials ready by the bell.

Course Units and Summative Assessments:

Vocabulary tests, multimedia projects and presentations, curriculum-based measures (CBMs)

Qtr 1- Establish the Course “Coach Carter”

Qtr 2- Prediction Strategy: “The Bully”

Qtr 3- Possible Selves: “Brothers in Arms”

Qtr 4- Bridging Strategy: “Enders Game”

Grading: Grading is done on a Standards Based 0-4 point Grading System. Partial points can be used to indicate mixed levels. Assessment-specific rubrics will be provided as assessments are given. Scores will be averaged in each category to determine final grade.

Grading scale

- 4-Exceeds Expectations (A)
- 3-Meets Expectations fully (B)
- 2-Partially Meets Expectations (C)
- 1-Struggles to fulfill expectations (D)
- 0- Does not fulfill any expectations and/or does not attempt expectations (F)

Grade Make-Up:

70% Summative Assessments

Projects, Vocabulary Quizzes, Book Study Activities, Vocabulary Sentences in Steno

30% Formative Assessments

Warm-ups, Vocabulary Steno work, Curriculum-Based Measures (CBMs)

Missing & Late Work:

Due dates:

- The date of the quiz for that Vocabulary work.
- Warmups are due on the day of assignment unless absence is excused
- All work turned in by due date receives full credit
- All work turned after the due date but before handed back (or presented) will be reduced by .5 as it is an unfair advantage to see what others did before doing it yourself.
- All work turned in prior to the last week of the quarter will be reduced no more than 1 standards point for reasons of fairness as well.

Deadlines:

- All work with a due date two weeks or more prior to the end of a quarter and turned in during the last week of the quarter will have a reduced grade by half of what could've been received.

Extra Credit: Extra credit is offered to all equally as attachments to projects as well as writing assignments every once in a while. No individual opportunities will be designed during the term.

Re-Learning and Retakes: Tests cannot be retaken. Projects have an opportunity for re-do with only .5 reduction in grade.

Grading modifications may be made for IEP considerations, but know many common accommodations are built into this course syllabus.

Cellular Phone and Electronics Policy:

The school policy on technology indicates that the use of cellular devices is not allowed from bell to bell anywhere in the school:

You will be given one opportunity to power down at the bell. After that, if the electronic device (including earbuds) is visible at any time it is a violation and the item will be bagged and tagged. If there is a possibility of a specific emergency (possible or surprise) from family, make sure they know the school office number which is 668-3400. The school should be made aware of any such major issue to most quickly and best support the student and family's need.

Charging of cell phones will NOT be allowed at any time.

Failure to follow this will result in following the school electronic device discipline policy

1st and 2nd time- Dean will hold until the end of the day

3rd- Parent picks it up

4th & more- parent & student meeting with dean

This does NOT reset at any point during the year

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Signature above means parent/guardian understands the above policies (you may have to talk about it)

Parent email: _____