

## **Syllabus: Practices & Policies**

2021-2022	Franklin High School
	Section 1: Course Overview
Course Title	English 3-4
Instructor Info	Name: Contact Info:
Grade Level(s)	10
Room # for class	Room:
Credit	Type of credit: ELA # of credits per semester: 0.5
Prerequisites (if applicable)	none
General Course Description	This course is designed to lay the groundwork for success in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. In this course, students will practice these essential skills using a variety of literary mediums. Students will engage with a variety of texts to help develop and improve skills while working independently, in small groups, and together as an entire class.
Section 2: Welcome Statement & Course Connections	
Personal Welcome	Hi! Welcome to English 3-4. I am so excited to read, write, and discuss alongside you this year.
Course Highlights	Read a variety of works about identity from a wide array of voices
(topics, themes, areas	2. Write to explore theme and character
of study)	3. Write to analyze author's craft and literary devices



	4. Write to develop engaging expository texts
	5. Write to develop engaging argumentation texts
	6. Practice the writing process
	7. Practice listening and speaking through discussion, group work, and presentations
Course	According to PPS Reimagined Vision, "A graduate of Portland Public Schools will be a compassionate
Connections to <u>PPS</u>	critical thinker, able to collaborate and solve problems, and be prepared to lead a more socially just
<u>ReImagined Vision</u>	world." In English 1-2, students will engage in frequent critical thinking around texts and non-text
	media, they will <b>collaborate</b> in partners and small groups, and they will examine issues of <b>justice</b>
	through reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
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Section 3: Student Learning	
Prioritized	The following standards will be explored in the course:
Standards	RL 10.1 - Citing text evidence
	RL 10.2 - Determine and analyze theme or central idea of a text
	RL 10.4 - Analyze author's craft
	W 10.2 - Expository writing
	W 10.1 - Argumentation writing
	W 10. 5 - Practice the writing process
	SL 10.1 - Speaking effectively in a range of discussions
PPS Graduate	I will help students grow their knowledge and skills in the following aspects of PPS's Graduate Portrait:
<u>Portrait</u>	☐ Inquisitive Critical Thinkers with Deep Knowledge
<u>Connections</u>	☐ Powerful and Effective Communicators
	Positive, Confident, and Connected Sense of Self
Differentiation/	I will provide the following supports specifically for students in the following programs:
accessibility	Special Education:
strategies and	Accommodations indicated by Individual Education Plans will be made in cooperation with students,
supports:	special education teachers and parents.
	504 Plans:
	Accommodations indicated by 504 Plans will be made in cooperation with students, counselors and
	parents.
	English Language Learners:
	Strategies used in this class to address ELL needs will include, but are not limited to, the following:
	Posting clearly defined objectives



	Emphasizing key vocabulary
	☐ Providing clear expectation of tasks, slower speech, increased wait time, etc
	☐ Scaffolding techniques like think-alouds to support student understanding
	☐ Allowing for frequent opportunities for student interaction (pair-shares, small and large group
	work)
	Using activities that integrate reading, writing, speaking and listening
	Providing regular feedback
	Talented & Gifted:
	Strategies used in this class to address TAG needs will include, but are not limited to, the following:
	Challenge prompts, flexible grouping, independent based learning, honors option.
Personalized	☑ Career Related Learning Experience (CRLE) #1
Learning Graduation	☑ Career Related Learning Experience (CRLE) #2
Requirements (as	-The experience(s) will be:
applicable in this	☑ Complete a resume
course):	
	Section 4: Cultivating Culturally Sustaining Communities
Tier 1 SEL Strategies	
Tier 1 SEL Strategies  Shared Agreements	Behavioral Expectations:  At Franklin High School, in addition to following all school rules, we expect staff and students to: Strive to be ThoughtfulWe put time and effort into our work RespectfulWe respect the diverse learning needs of our peers OrganizedWe are present and on time to class NeighborlyWe greet others and interact positively GenerousWe share our resources with each other  I will facilitate the creation of our Shared Agreements that respects and celebrates each student's race, ability, language, and gender in the following way(s):  • Spend time in class creating norms, posting those norms, reviewing them daily and making amendments when needed.  • We will begin with these, and add:



	<ul> <li>Be present: phones off and away</li> <li>Follow the 3 W's</li> <li>Be prepared to collaborate and self reflect</li> <li>Step up, step aside (share your perspective, monitor air time)</li> <li>Hold space for multiple perspectives &amp; lived experiences</li> <li>Be patient and flexible</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>I will display our Agreements in the following locations:</li> <li>in our daily slideshows</li> <li>on my Canvas page</li> </ul>
	My plan for ongoing feedback through year on their effectiveness is:  • Student surveys  • Grades/assignment completion data
Student's Perspective & Needs	I will cultivate culturally sustaining relationships with students by:  Get to know students  Examine personal biases  Recognize and celebrate students' languages and cultures  Adapt policies, practices, and pedagogy  Family and community involvement  Respect their cultures  Be mindful of intent vs impact
	Families can communicate what they know of their student's needs with me in the following ways:  • Email  • Phone  • Canvas
Empowering Students	<ul> <li>I will celebrate student successes in the following ways:</li> <li>Positive feedback</li> <li>Displaying student work online or in the classroom</li> <li>Positive phone calls to families/guardians</li> <li>Class celebrations</li> </ul>



	I will solicit student feedback on my pedagogy, policies and practices by:  Regular check-ins Student surveys Written input Formative assessments Student voice Exit tickets  When class agreements aren't maintained (i.e. behavior) by a student I will approach it in the following ways: Authentic connection/compassion. Connection redirects more effectively. Remind them of expectations and or rules. Talk to student outside classroom or after class.
Showcasing	Attempt to help the student understand their effect and role as an individual to the whole.  I will provided opportunities for students to choose to share and showcase their work by:
Student Assets	<ul> <li>Creating space in the classroom and on Canvas for students to share their work</li> <li>Inviting student voice in our daily check ins</li> <li>Embedding work to celebrate in our slideshows</li> </ul>
	Section 5: Classroom Specific Procedures
Safety issues and requirements (if applicable):	<ul> <li>Wear a mask at all times</li> <li>Maintain at least 3 feet of distance between peers and teacher when possible</li> </ul>
Coming & Going from class	I understand the importance of students taking care of their needs. Please use the following guidelines when coming and going from class:  One student out with a pass at a time Return in a timely manner Maintain distance and wear mask when in the hallways
Submitting Work	I will collect work from students in the following way:  • Canvas



	If a student misses a deadline, I will partner with the student in the following ways so they have the ability to	
	demonstrate their abilities:	
	Meet during tutorial to support the student	
Returning Your	My plan to return student work is the following:	
Work	Timeline: weekly to two weeks	
	<ul> <li>What to look for on your returned work: Thorough feedback, both written and verbal</li> </ul>	
	Revision Opportunities: As many as needed until end of Semester	
Formatting Work	Directions on how to format submitted work (ex. formal papers, lab reports, etc) can be found here: MLA	
(if applicable)	format for all essays	
Attendance	If a student is absent, I can help them get caught up by: Canvas	
Materials Provided	I will provided the following materials to students:	
Materials Provided	I '	
	Required Texts	
Materials Needed	Please have the following materials for this course:	
	Chromebook and Charger	
	Notebook & writing utensil	
	• Sticky notes	
	Franklin can help with any materials you may need as well. Please reach out to me privately and I will help you get what you need.	
Course Resources	Here is a link to resources that are helpful to students during this course:	
	Class Canvas Page	
Empowering	The following are resources available for families to assist and support students through the course:	
Families	Canvas and Email	
Section 7: Assessment of Progress and Achievement		
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Formative Assessments	As students move through the learning journey during specific units/topics, I will assess & communicate their <a href="mailto:progress">progress</a> in the following ways:
Summative Assessments	As we complete specific units/topics I will provide the following types of opportunities for students to provide evidence of their <u>learned</u> abilities:  Discussions Essays Poetry and Personal Writing Creative Projects
Student Role in Assessment	Students and I will partner to determine how they can demonstrate their abilities in the following ways:  1:1 and Small Group Check-Ins  Peer and Self Assessment
	Section 8: Grades Progress Report Cards & Final Report Cards
Accessing Grades	Students & Families can go to the following location for <a href="up-to-date">up-to-date</a> information about their grades throughout the semester: <ul> <li>Canvas</li> <li>StudentVue</li> </ul> I will update student grades at the following frequency: Every two weeks
Progress Reports Final Report Card	I will communicate the following marks on a progress report:  • A, B, C, D, NP (not passing) or P (passing) and NP (not passing)  The following system is used to determine a student's grade at the end of the semester:
Grades	



	70% of a student's overall grade is based on their summative assessments while 30% of their grade is based on formative assessments. Each assessment is graded using a standards based, 4 point rubric.
	I use this system for the following reasons/each of these grade marks mean the following:  4 - Highly Proficient
	3 - Proficient 2 - Close to Proficient 1 - No Evidence
Other Needed info (if applicable)	

