



Southern Lehigh School District

High School Syllabus

Applied Communications 10 2014-2015

Course Description:

Applied Communications 10 is the second course in an applied sequence offered within the English Department. Emphasis will be placed on the development of career related communication skills essential in today's workplace. Literature studied includes examples of the short story, novel, non-fiction and poetry. Vocabulary, speech, grammar and research skills will continue to be emphasized.

Course Content:

Novels
Short Stories
Vocabulary
Grammar/Writing Strategies
Graduation Project for vo-tech students
Poetry

Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

This English course will focus on improving writing skills, reading comprehension, and higher order thinking skills. Through the study of literature, students will advance their writing abilities and improve their understanding of written text.

Albom, Mitch. *Tuesdays with Morrie*

Anderson, Laurie. *Speak*. New York: Penguin Books, 2006.

Hartinger, Brent *The Last Chance Texaco*

Selected short stories

Selected poetry

Course Requirements:

Each student is required to complete all tests, quizzes, projects, in-class work, and homework assignments. Students are expected to attend class regularly and participate in class activities on a daily basis.

Grade Components/Assessments:

Grades will be designated for assignments, tests, quizzes, notebook, essays, writing assignments, projects, preparation and participation. All assignments are expected on their given due dates. Students are expected to keep all graded assignments in their English folder.

Each marking period is worth 20% of a student's overall grade. The final is worth 20% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
Quarter 3	20%
Quarter 4	20%
Final	20%

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

Students are required to select one novel from the list.

Lupica, Mike. Heat. Puffin, 2007.

Paulsen, Gary. Hatchet. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2006.

Collins, Suzanne. Catching Fire. Scholastic Press, 2013.

Wolff, Virginia Euwer, Make Lemonade. Square Fish, 2006.

Dashner, James. The Maze Runner. Delacorte Press, 2010.

Fleischman, Paul. Whirligig. Square Fish, 2010.

Philbrick, Rodman. Freak the Mighty. Scholastic Paperbacks, 2001.

Mikaelsen, Ben. Touching Spirit Bear. HarperCollins, 2002.

Riordan, Rick. The Lightning Thief. Disney-Hyperion, 2001.

Cisneros, Sandra. The House on Mango Street. Vintage, 2001.