



# Southern Lehigh School District

High School Syllabus

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## Applied Communications 9 2013-2014

### Course Description:

Within this course, students will focus on the fundamentals of reading and writing. Vocabulary and grammar will be taught within the context of both writing and literature. Students will study short stories, plays, and novels, which will provide them with a general overview of literature. The emphasis on writing will include learning the format of a five-paragraph essay and responding to journal topics. Summer reading is not a course requirement.

### Course Content:

#### Literature--

Students will study the genres of fictional short stories, novels, drama, poetry, and nonfiction and learn and practice strategies to increase reading comprehension and derive deeper meaning from texts.

#### Writing--

Students will practice writing five-paragraph essays in informative and persuasive writing modes, to be assessed using the analytical writing traits.

#### Vocabulary--

Word lists will be generated from the context of the literature studied. Lessons will address usage, parts of speech, synonyms, antonyms, roots, prefixes, and suffixes.

#### Grammar--

Lessons will focus on the parts of speech and parts of a sentence in order to promote correct usage in writing.

### Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

The literature anthology contains selected short stories, poems, and the full-text of *Romeo and Juliet*.

*Adventures in Reading: Pegasus Edition*. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1989.

*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo, 2006.

*The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, 2008.

*Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck, 1937.

### Course Requirements:

Students are expected to complete assignments as directed by the instructor to ensure their success in the course.

Grade Components/Assessments:

Grades will be based on a total points system of points earned divided by points possible. Point values will be determined in proportion to the significance of the assignment.

Each marking period is worth 20% of a student's overall grade. The midterm and final exam are each worth 10% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
<b>Midterm</b>	<b>10%</b>
Quarter 3	20%
Quarter 4	20%
<b>Final</b>	<b>10%</b>

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

There is no required summer reading for this course at this time.