**English I**

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**Course Description:**

As we embark on a new curriculum, students will be taught the basics on how to navigate unfamiliar material. The curriculum we will be putting into practice is called ‘Wit and Wisdom.’ The elementary and middle school level students have already begun learning and practicing this new curriculum. This semester, my goal is to break down the basic essentials of the new curriculum and put into practice the techniques that are used to promote rigorous student learning. We will read articles , short stories, plays, examine paintings and practice various writing techniques. I am excited to implement these procedures because they are meant to promote student growth and learning. There are many differentiations that will allow all students to shine and flourish. Please be patient as we adopt this curriculum and keep an open mind. I cannot wait to see you grow!

**Required Materials:**

Pencils

Loose leaf paper

**Grading Procedures:**

*Content Based*-

Your grade will be based on the following: tests, quizzes, essays, presentations, projects, classwork and homework.

*Participation*-

This includes a classroom participation grade as well as skill-building and practice activities, bell work, end-of-class summary activities, journal entries, etc.

**Classroom Policies:**

*Responsibilities and Behavior-*

Your responsibilities in this class are:

· To attend class regularly;

· To be on time;

· To be prepared for class;

· To meet deadlines (all assignments due at the beginning of each class on the due date);

· To use your time wisely;

· To be actively involved as a member of a group

· To have a positive attitude;

· To pay attention and listen; and

· To be respectful of others and not be disruptive.

All students are expected to be positive, contributing, respectful members in this class. Be polite and thoughtful of one another. Any behavior that prevents our class from functioning well or any display of disrespect will not be tolerated and may result in the following: verbal reprimand, contact with parent or guardian, referral to administration, or other consequence as determined by school administration.

*Personal Responsibility-*

It is the student’s responsibility to make sure all assignments are submitted and deadlines are met. Reminders about missing work are not guaranteed. Grades and assignments can be monitored through ‘portal.’ Your designated guidance counselor can give you your ‘portal’ code.

*Late Work, Absences and Make-Up Work-*

It is important that you submit your work on time and use your time wisely. Occasionally the unexpected happens; thus, students may turn in selected assignments based on the Sumner County Schools policy. This policy states that students have three days to make up any missed work, the day they return back to school.

*Plan ahead-*

Technology issues will not be accepted as an excuse for lateness. Assignments submitted electronically must be submitted by midnight on the date due, even in the case of an absence because you will know the due date well in advance..

You are expected to make up any work missed because of any absence. It is your responsibility to get all missed assignments from me or from one of your peers.

It may not be possible to make up some in-class group activities, in which case, I will provide alternative assignments. If you know beforehand you will be absent, please let me know so we can plan your make-up work. The quality of your work will be higher if you attend class regularly and meet all deadlines.

*Extra Credit-*

Extra credit is not guaranteed. It is vital that you stay on top of all your assignments. However, per Portland High School’s extra credit policy, extra credit must be standards based.

*Redos/Retakes-*

One redo/retake will be allowed for any standards-based summative assessment, regardless of original grade. This redo/retake must be completed within one week of the return of the original graded work. The average of the two scores will be recorded in the gradebook. This policy does not apply to final exams.

Assignments on which a student has cheated or that have been plagiarized are not allowed to be redone and are not subject to the school’s Redo/Retake policy.

Due to the new school-wide plan for redo/retakes, dropping grades will no longer be a concession made for students. Additionally, the option to drop a grade cannot be used as a reward.

*Arrival and Dismissal-*

Students are expected to come to class prepared and will begin each class with a bell work assignment provided. All students should use the bathroom, go to their lockers, sharpen their pencils, and take care of all your personal business before class starts.

*Electronics and Distractions-*

Cell phones and any/all other electronic devices must be TURNED OFF and PUT AWAY for the entire duration of the class unless otherwise directed by the teacher. Disciplinary action will be taken if any device is used in the classroom without permission.

The charging of electronic devices is strictly prohibited. Only in special circumstances is charging allowed.

**Plagiarism:**

The faculty of Portland High School have agreed that anytime a student attempts to pass someone else’s work off as their own, it is considered cheating.

If a student cheats alone or plagiarizes, they will receive a zero for the assignment.

If more than one student is involved in the cheating, the grades received by all parties involved will be lowered or replaced with a zero.

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**State Standards:**

Please visit <https://tuckerenglishclass.weebly.com/> to view these.

CLASSROOM CONTRACT

This syllabus is a contract between you, the student, and me, the teacher. By signing below, you agree to what has been discussed on the previous pages. You are agreeing to be an active learner and participant during the exciting year ahead!

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**Student Signature Date**

**(Please detach and return to me.)**