NNHS Writing Styles and Forms Syllabus

Mission
To educate students to be self-directed learners, collaborative workers, complex thinkers, quality producers, and community contributors.

Course Description
Writing Styles and Forms is a composition elective offered to students who wish to develop a direct, concise writing style while increasing the fluency of their writing through daily practice. Students who may be college bound but who require more writing experience should enroll in this course. Students will complete writing in many forms, including narration, description, exposition, and analysis. In addition, sentence patterns, grammar, usage, and vocabulary in the context of students' written work will be addressed.

Course Learning Standards
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<td>Writing</td>
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<td>Speaking and Listening</td>
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Grading:
Your course grade will reflect what you have learned, not what you have completed.

Overall Semester grade:
- 90% Course Summative Grade
- 10% Final Exam

The final semester grade will be rounded to the nearest percentage point.

Course Grade
Each unit/standard is assigned a particular percentage.
Within each unit, summative and formative sections are weighted as follows:

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Grading Disbursement:
A= 100-90  B=89-80  C= 79-70  D=69-60  F= 59 and below

Incomplete or work not turned in will receive a grade of 0 in the grade book.

Assessment Policy

Summative Assignments: All summative assignments must be completed in order to pass. Each summative assignment must be completed by the conclusion of the unit.

Formative Assignments (practice assignments and activities): All formative assignments are opportunities for students to practice, develop skills, and receive feedback. These formative marks do not directly impact student grades. Students will utilize feedback in order to self-assess their progress towards mastery of a standard.

Reassessment Policy
Retake Policy (retakes are only on summative work, excluding final exams and District Assessments):

1. Students are only allowed reassessment on essays on which they receive a 79% or below.
2. The maximum grade a student can score on the reassessment is 80%.
3. The higher of the two scores will be entered in Infinite Campus.

Criteria for reassessment:

1. Essay is turned in on time.
2. All formative work is completed on time.
3. Student must decide within 2 days of paper pass-back that he or she will draft a new essay.
4. The student must meet with the teacher outside of class.
5. A new due date will be agreed upon by the teacher and student between one and two weeks from pass-back date.
6. The student must utilize additional support offered through NNHS.

Communication

- The teachers will make every effort to respond to emails and phone calls within 48 hours during the work week.
- The best way to communicate with teachers is through email; however, if you haven’t received a response within 48 hours, please resend the email or call their voicemail. Your email may have gone into the spam folder.

Help

- Make an appointment with your teacher.
- Attend after-school tutoring.
- Drop in for peer tutoring during lunch periods or before school in the Literacy Center.

Parents or Guardians

We need your help!

- Parents may check Infinite Campus for their student’s grade.
- Infinite Campus is a communication tool until final grade is posted.
- Please ask your student about his or her school work.
- Check with your individual teacher for information on classroom procedures and schedules.