**Grade 9 English Language Arts**

**Course Outline and Evaluation – Fall/Winter 2017/18**

**Teacher:** Ms. Candice Gallivan

**Location:** Room 218

**Course Content**: Grade 9 English is a full-year course divided into two semesters/4 terms. The focus of this course is on improving reading, writing, grammar and comprehension skills. Independence and growth mindset will be fostered throughout the year as students accept increased responsibility for their learning.

**Syllabus:**

 \*Unit 1 – Developing Reading Skills using Literary Fiction, Literary Non-Fiction and Information Texts.

\*Unit 2 – Novel Study- The Outsiders

\*Unit 3 – Shakespeare- Romeo and Juliet

\*Embedded within each unit is a focus on improved writing skills. Students will regularly write about and respond to their readings. In addition, students will explore the specific writing genres outlined in the curriculum.

**Material Requited:** Pen/Pencil

 Binder

 Pencil Crayons

 Duo-tang

 Loose-leaf

 USB

**Semester 1 and 2 Grading:**

Formative Assessment - 60%

Formative assessments measure **student progress during the learning process**. This data is collected through conversations, both informal and formal, teacher and student observations and the collection of student products.

Summative Evaluation – 40%

Summative evaluations measure what students **have learned and are able to do at the end of a unit of study**. This data is collected through formal conversations, teacher observations and/or the collection of student products.

*Terms 1 - 4 count for 70% of the final grade.*

***Final Exam: 30%***

*Students must obtain a minimum mark of 60% to pass this course.*

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**English Language Proficiency Assessment:** Grade 9 students across the province of New Brunswick are required to write the ELPA. This assessment focuses on reading comprehension and will be written in January. The province has stipulated that students must pass the ELPA prior to graduation.

**Extra Help**: If at any time a student is having difficulty in the course, extra help is available upon a student’s request.

**Absenteeism**: Any student who misses a class is responsible for the material he/she misses. If a student misses a test, it is his/her responsibility to make arrangements to write the test. Tests missed will not be written during classes.

**Note**: This course is an academic course and, as such, will require that students do some work outside of class time. If students do not complete required homework, their lack of participation will be addressed according to school policy. Please find homework and assignments on my Teacher Page at http://bonarlaw.nbed.nb.ca/

**\*Course Outline is Subject to Change\***