**Mrs. Norton**

**English 10**

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Welcome to our 10th grade English class! It is going to be an exciting and challenging year for all of us, and I am anxious to begin working with and getting to know everyone. During this year at RCK, we will use our time to continue to improve your literacy skills in preparation for next year’s Regents exam and beyond.

**Homework Policy**

When you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and to make up the work promptly. Previously assigned homework is due on the day of your return. Quizzes and tests must be made up within one week. Emailed assignments will not be accepted without prior approval.

Most overnight homework assignments ***will not*** be accepted late. Long-term projects or essays may be turned in late with a penalty of 10 points per day deducted from the student’s grade.

Record all assignments in your agenda/planner. Don’t procrastinate. If you are unsure of an assignment, please ask for help. That’s what I’m here for.

**Independent Reading**

Students are expected to bring a book of their choice with them in class **every day** for independent reading. The book must be of an appropriate reading level and subject matter and cannot be for a school assignment, but otherwise it is the student’s choice. Books can come from the school library or elsewhere. Students will receive significant credit each marking period for reading.

**Required Supplies**

One three ring binder (at least 1”)

“Sticky” notes

Plenty of loose-leaf paper

Blue/black pens and pencils

One pocket folder for homework (plastic is recommended)

Planner or assignment pad

**Grading**

Students’ progress will be determined using a variety of formative and summative assessments which may include, but are not limited to, tests, quizzes, projects, essays and other written responses, and participation.

The final course grade consists of your average from the four quarters.

**Classroom Expectations**

1. Basic Classroom Procedures:

* Be **in your seat and ready** to begin class **before** **the late bell rings**. Late arrivals must enter class quietly and sign in. Three late arrivals will result in a call home. Failure to sign in late will result in an immediate detention.
* The day’s agenda and homework assignments will be on the board. Please take out the appropriate material(s) and begin working.
* All essay and research projects must be submitted to www.turnitin.com

2. Come to class **prepared**. Bring all of your required supplies and your outside reading book each day.

3. **Respect everyone and everything in the classroom**.

* Don’t interrupt or talk over others.
* No sleeping. It will result in a zero grade for participation. If you are not feeling well, please go to see the nurse.
* No inappropriate language or conversations.
* **Cell phones** should be **silent and invisible**.
* **Ear buds must be put away**.
* **Hats** and hoods should be **removed** as soon as you walk into the class.
* Don’t just sit there like a blob. The success of this class depends on **your participation**. You get from this class what you give to it.
* Dispose of all trash in the wastebasket. It is your responsibility to **clean up after yourself**.

4. Let’s work together. If you need help with anything, please see me or e-mail me. I am available after school by appointment, or if it is something brief, we may be able to meet during my prep period.

5. Please help contribute to the **health and well-being** of the class by **bringing in the following items**:

* One box of tissues
* One container of hand sanitizer or Clorox wipes

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Norton’s Period \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class

Please answer the following questions and then sign the statement affirming that you have read this material.

Do you have Internet access at home? Yes No

Do you have a printer at home? Yes No

Do you have any study hall periods? If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a lunch period? If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**For all students and parents/guardians:**

I have read and I understand the policies and expectations for success in Mrs. Norton’s English class.

Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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