



We, the members of the Crosby High School Community are committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment that promotes a creative, innovative, and intellectually challenging learning experience to ensure that all students are prepared to become college and career ready in order to be productive members of a diverse society.

CROSBY HIGH SCHOOL COURSE SYLLABUS

Crosby Course Number & Title: **Ace English 9**

Instructor's Name: **Mrs. Cathy DiFronzo**

Semester & Year: **Full Year 2018-2019**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

For high achieving students in each grade level who are in ACE, the ACE English program accelerates the process of developing the skills necessary to read, think, organize and write effectively. The rigorous program encourages students to go beyond the standard English curriculum to compare literary works, create innovative and interactive projects across disciplines, and demonstrate leadership skills.

Students will become fluent with Google Classroom, Google Docs, presentation skills, and collaboration skills within a professional, positive, bright, fun learning environment.

COURSE GOALS/LEARNING OBJECTIVES

RL.9-10.2: Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.

- **RL.9-10.3:** Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme
- **RL.9-10.4:** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone).
 - **L.9-10.4.A:** Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

RL.9-10.1: Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

RI.9-10.2: Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.

- **RI.9-10.3:** Analyze how the author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the connections that are drawn between them.
- **RI.9-10.4:** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper).
 - **L.9-10.4.A:** Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase
- **RI.9-10.6**
Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance that point of view or purpose.

RI.9-10.1: Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

W.9-10.5: Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grades 9-10 [here](#).)

W.9-10.4: Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS

Prentice Hall Gold Level - Literature

COURSE POLICIES

- Attendance and Tardy Policy
 - Attendance Policy: Please refer to the district policy located on the Crosby website or in the student handbook (<https://goo.gl/nSz4er>)
 - Students who are tardy to a class 3 times will serve a detention issued by the classroom teacher. Each subsequent tardy will be a referral to the office for disciplinary action.
- Late Work Policy
 - Refer to district grading policy or see the link at the bottom of the page.
- Academic Dishonesty - Academic dishonesty shall in general mean conduct which has as its intent or effect the false representation of a student's academic performance, including but not limited to:
 - a. Cheating on an examination
 - b. Collaborating with others in work to be presented, contrary to the stated rules of the course
 - c. Plagiarizing, including the submission of others ideas or papers (whether purchased, borrowed or otherwise obtained) as one's own
 - d. Stealing or having unauthorized access to examination or course materials
 - e. Falsifying records, laboratory or other data
 - f. Submitting, if contrary to the rules of a course, work previously presented in another course
 - g. Knowingly and intentionally assisting another student in any of the above, including assistance in an arrangement whereby any work, classroom performance, examination or other activity is submitted or performed by a person other than the student under whose name the work is submitted or performed.

Students should not give or receive aid during examinations, quizzes, tests or lab assignments. Students should not use answers to examinations, quizzes and tests written on cheat sheets, clothing or body parts, or obtained from others who have taken the same test prior to them. Students should not use in any written work, without proper acknowledgement, the wording of any sentence or part of a sentence of another author without acknowledgement of the original author. Students should not use calculating devices during tests where calculators are not permitted.

Plagiarism according to The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition, 2000, is "1. A piece of writing that has been copied from someone else and is presented as being your own. 2. The act of plagiarizing: taking someone's words or ideas as if they were

your own.” If you copy another’s work in a paper, for instance, you must put the copied material in quotation marks and footnote or endnotes. If you restate the language or thoughts of another in your own words, you are paraphrasing. Omit the quotation marks, but footnote or endnote the original source. Not to attribute the idea to the original person is to plagiarize. In general, it is better to acknowledge too many sources than too few.

Plagiarism, as defined above, is considered a serious academic offense. According to Connecticut statute, plagiarism is a criminal act and classified as a Class “B” misdemeanor. The teacher, in conference with an administrator, will exercise his/her professional judgment when determining an appropriate penalty for a project that has been plagiarized. The nature of the penalty should be relative to the magnitude of the offense. Examples of penalties that will be invoked are: a zero for the project, an “F” for the course, and/or referral to the proper authorities. The teacher and administrator will determine if the student may be permitted to complete the paper properly, or write an entire new paper properly. These and other penalties will not be imposed when the classroom teacher determines that the sources in a paper have been mis-cited. The teacher with the administration will determine the extent of grade reduction and possible suspension or referral to authorities. (Obtained from Tunxis Community College Handbook)

CODE OF CONDUCT

- Profanity
 - The use of profanity in school is unacceptable and can result in an office referral.
- Cell Phone Usage Policy
 - Cell phones **MUST BE** off and away other than when approved by the teacher for academic purposes
 - 1st offense: Confiscate, warning and notify parent, return to student at the end of the school day.
 - 2nd offense: Confiscate, in school suspension or after school detention, item to be returned to parent/legal guardian only at the end of the school day.
 - 3rd offense: Confiscate, out of school suspension, item to be returned to parent/legal guardian only at the end of the school day. (<https://goo.gl/FMxNyt>)
- Disposition Toward Learning

COURSE GRADING (Per District Policy)

60% Assessments

20% Classwork

10% Disposition Toward Learning

10% Homework

Student/Parent Handbook: <https://goo.gl/rsFr95>