

# Reynolds High School

## Media and Popular Culture

*Building Relationships for Academic Success*

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**Required Textbooks/Materials:** Chromebook, planner, a notebook, pen/pencil.

**Course Description** – Media and Popular Culture is an elective course for 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders that centers around daily analysis and discussion of current and historical trends in the USA and the world, while practicing our critical thinking skills.

**Course Requirements** – Students are expected to come to class prepared, on time, and ready to participate in the daily discussions, readings, media and activities.

### **Grading Policy Description** –

Formative Assignments (Classwork, Quizzes, and Homework): 35%

Summative Assignments (Essays, Tests, and Projects): 60%

POWER (Coming to class on time, participating in class activities, respectful attitude, etc.): 5%

### **Letter Grade Description**

Grade Percentage	Scale Grading	Letter Grade	Description
90%-100%	4	A	The student fully understands the content and the course objectives have been mastered.
80%-89%	3	B	The student understands the content and course objectives at an above average level.
70%-79%	2	C	The student understands the course content and course objectives at an average level.
60%-69%	1	D	The student understands the course content at a below average level and a minimum of course objectives are met.
0%-59%	0	F	The student has not met a sufficient number of course objectives to pass a minimum level and receives no credit.

**Late Work/Retake Policy** – If work is not turned in on the due date, I will mark it in the gradebook as “missing” which counts as zero credit. I will accept late work one week past the due date for full credit. I will also accept late work until the end of the semester for half credit. I will not accept extra credit after the due date.

Students are allowed to attempt retakes on summative assignments, if they scored a failing grade, up to one week past the due date. Retakes can occur during lunch or before/after school

by prearranged appointment with me. Students need to reach out to me to plan a retake time either verbally during their class period with me, or by email: [jpatty@rsd7.net](mailto:jpatty@rsd7.net).

### Course Schedule/Outline of Units

Dates	Topic
<b>September</b>	History of Media and Popular Culture Unit
<b>October</b>	History of Media and Popular Culture Unit
<b>November</b>	TV, Movies, and Music Unit
<b>December</b>	TV, Movies, and Music Unit
<b>January</b>	TV, Movies, and Music Unit
<b>February</b>	News and Media Unit
<b>March</b>	News and Media Unit
<b>April</b>	Social Media Unit
<b>May</b>	Social Media Unit
<b>June</b>	Social Media Unit

### Class Expectations (classroom rules, procedures, POWER, etc.)

<u>Letter</u>	<u>Stands for</u>	<u>What does this look like in our classroom?</u>
<b>P</b>	Prepared & Punctual	Students arrive to class on time with all required materials.
<b>O</b>	Organized	Students maintain their class notebook and planner.
<b>W</b>	Writers	Students write daily.
<b>E</b>	Engaged	Students have cellphones and earbuds put away during instruction time in order to be fully present during class. Students participate in daily activities.
<b>R</b>	Respectful	Students respect Mrs. Patty, each other, and the classroom space.

*Please sign and return by 9.13.2024. Thank you!*

Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_