

English 12R  
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### Attendance Policy

Students need to be in school. If they are absent, all missed work needs to be made up or absences become illegal. Nine illegal absences results in a “drop” from the course.

### Grading /Portfolio Policy

**Writing Assignments 40%**  
(7-8 writing pieces per quarter)

#### Good news!! You have ultimate control of your writing grade!!

You are able to revise any writing assignment (up to TWO times, within the given timeframe) to achieve a desired grade, provided you have handed in the assignment the first time – on time.

#### Here are some things you should know...

You will be given *at least* one week to complete a writing assignment. For this reason, **I do not accept writing assignments late. Be responsible!** If you choose to wait until the last minute and something goes wrong (printer/computer broken, no paper, no ink, etc...) you risk losing the allotted points for that essay grade. In other words, plan ahead. **If you are absent, your paper is due the day you return to school.**

ALL WRITING ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE TYPED. NO EXCUSES. There are plenty of resources available to you as a student at Sachem East that enable you to have your paper typed in time for the due date. No handwritten work will be accepted for credit.

**If you email your assignment, you must do so the day/night before it is due.** Please email the assignment to yourself as well so that you can print it out at school the next day.

#### Writing Skills

With each writing assignment, you will learn a set of skills. Some of these skills you are probably already familiar with (sentence variety, use of nouns, verbs, adjectives etc...) others will be new to you. You will learn to incorporate the skills you learn into your writing assignments, how to annotate your work, and through the editing process, you will learn to recognize common writing errors, and how to revise what you've written to make it the best it can be. At the end of the year, you will hand in a portfolio consisting of your best writing over the school year. You are responsible for saving all of your written work.

#### Tests – 30%

#### Quizzes – 20%

Students will be given ample notice prior to quizzes and testing. I am available for extra help any day upon request.

#### Participation – 10%

Good attendance, no cell phone use in class, no excessive pass usage, student shows genuine effort and concern for his/her grade and progress.

Quarterly Writing Assignments (some are subject to change)

<u>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</u>
College Essay (QA)	Current Event	Research Paper (QA)	Cliffhanger Piece
Fear Piece	Memoir	Writing Packet	Writing Packet
Writing Packet	Writing Packet		Final Portfolio
	Quarterly Assessment		Final Exam Essay