



Advanced Placement Language and Composition 2018-2019

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. I consider it a privilege to work with your student in the Advanced Placement English Language and Composition class.

I begin my 17th year of teaching this year and my 4th year at Perry. I am thrilled to be a part of the Puma Nation. Prior to joining the Perry staff, I taught at Willis Junior High School for six years and Chandler High for seven years. I received my undergraduate degree in Journalism and my secondary teaching certification with an emphasis in English from Arizona State University and my master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Northern Arizona University.

As a college-level course, your student will develop writing skills in argumentation and critical analysis. We utilize the 9-point rubric developed by College Board. Reading materials cover a broad range of genre, but the course focuses mainly on nonfiction. The culmination of the course occurs in May with the AP National Exam. I invite you to research <http://www.collegeboard.com> as there are specific links for parents that discuss the SAT, ACT, and AP exams, along with preparatory materials and information.

Communication is a key to a successful year, and since this is a college course, I encourage students to advocate for their own education; I ask my students to contact me regarding any concerns or questions.

Please visit my PHS website for the 2018-2019 course syllabus. As you read the syllabus, course curriculums, and classroom policies, please take note of all sections that are marked with an asterisk *. On the parent signature sheet, I will ask you to initial these sections in addition to your overall signature to indicate you have read and understand the guidelines of this classroom.

I look forward to having your student in my class this year! My goal is not only to help your student prepare for the AP test, but also to help him/her grow as a reader and writer. *Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with questions or concerns.*

With warm regards,

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