

**ELA 9R**

**Course Description:** English 9 is a year-long course satisfying the ninth-grade English requirement. This course includes all standards in the ninth-grade reading, writing, and speaking/listening & language strands in an integrated approach. English 9 is required for all ninth-grade students.

**Attendance:** Students are required to be in school every day. Students are responsible for communicating with their teachers to make up for missed learning.

**Essential Skills:**

I can effectively write for an appropriate audience with improving conventions. I can comprehend and respond to verbal communication and speech with an intended purpose. I can comprehend, evaluate, and analyze a grade-level text.

**Course Expectations:** Although not everything is graded, everything is important. To demonstrate growth and learning, students will need to:

1. Participate in class activities (take notes, work in a group, complete in-class tasks, ask questions) without distractions (cell phones, earbuds, games, etc.)
2. Use morning time and the teacher to seek help outside of class when needed.
3. Complete all assessments within teacher timelines.
4. Follow class/Eagles' Path expectations.

**Grading**

**Learning (Practice)** includes instructional activities in and outside of class and are not used in grade determination.

**Skyward Assessment (Grades)** may include quizzes, labs, learning checks, tests, speeches, performances, and projects.

**Calculations:**

Course Grade	
Semester Grade	95%
Culminating Activity/Project/Exam	≤5%

Final Grade	
A	100% - 90%
B	80% - 89%
C	70% - 79%
D	60% - 69%
F	0% - 59%

**Rapid City Alternative Academy Courses:**

- Will determine grades based on student learning and growth.
- Will not include practice and behavior in grade determination.
- Will give all students regardless of absence an opportunity to demonstrate learning.
- Will not include extra credit.

Instructional Resources: Prentice Hall, various fiction short stories, various informational pages, poetry, possible plays, Grammar handouts, class packets, Purdue OWL