

English 10 A 2023-2024

Course Description: Students are asked to meet standards in speaking, reading, writing, and listening through a variety of readings, assignments, and discussions.

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:

Mastery in some grammatical terminology to help with writing ability.

Mastery in knowledge of development in literature through character and plot.

Mastery in various ways to effectively speak and listen.

Mastery in preparing and providing key components to a successful argument.

Mastery in learning pieces of proper academic argumentation skills through the form of writing.

Course Expectations: Although not everything is graded, everything is important. In order 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, headphones, games, etc.)
Technology privilege cards can be earned on a case-by-case basis.
2. Use morning time and the teacher to seek help outside of class when needed.
3. Complete all assessments and assignments within teacher timelines.
4. Students will ask questions and participate to enhance growth in speaking, reading, writing, and listening.

Grading

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

Skyward Assessment (Grades) may include quizzes, learning checks, 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:

- William Shakespeare's play "A Midsummer Night's Dream".
- Instructional Videos for units relating to Narrative, Informative, and Argumentative topics.