

Mr. Chiara's Classroom

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ALC English

Course Description & Expectations

What will we be studying?

Welcome! Throughout the year in ALC English, we will be learning writing skills, vocabulary development, and reading strategies through a variety of literature, poetry, prose, and drama. Students of ALC English will explore stories, ideas, and themes that have become the backbone to understanding our modern culture.

What will I need for class?

- Your charged Chromebook every day — digital writing!
- Personal headphones that work with your Chromebook, for listening activities

What are the 5 major guidelines for class?

Guideline #1: Be in your assigned seat and begin your Edgenuity work when the bell rings.

Guideline #2: Bring ALL your materials AND Chromebook to class and take them with you when you leave.

Guideline #3: Follow directions the first time they are given.

Guideline #4: Treat each person in this room with respect and dignity.

Guideline #5: Follow all procedures and policies as outlined in the WHRHS student-parent handbook.

A note about discipline:

We will sometimes give lunch detentions for an incident in class before submitting an official behavior referral (“write up”) for that student, however that is not always the case.

Behaviors warranting a behavior referral range from inappropriate use of language, disrupting class, treating others with disrespect, etc. If necessary, consult your handbook regarding what behaviors are considered inappropriate.

***THINK BEFORE YOU ACT &
SPEAK!***

In-Person Learning:

How will I enter the classroom?

- Please enter respectfully.
- Have a seat in your *assigned* seat.
- Open Chromebook and logon
- Continue on Edgenuity where you left off

How will I be able to leave the classroom?

- If you begin signing out **habitually** during our block, that is a problem I will have to address with the nurse, administration, or your parents.
- Do not begin packing your materials up five or ten minutes before the bell rings. Do not line up at the door. I will tell you when you may begin packing up and will dismiss you from class very shortly after the end-of-class bell rings.

Speaking Procedures

- When answering a question during a class discussion, or if you have a question for your teacher, you **must** raise your hand. You will be called on in a timely fashion.

- Please **do not** call out your answer or question. **Instead**, wait calmly for your turn.

Remote Learning:

How will I enter the classroom?

- You must join the posted Google Meet on Google Classroom within 10 minutes of class starting and check in with Mr. Chiara.
- You will lose participation points if you do not check-in regularly.

How will I be able to leave the classroom?

- After checking in with Mr. Chiara via Google Meet, you are free to leave the Google Meet and continue working on your English Edgenuity course.

Speaking Procedures

- The Google Meet will be open for the entirety of class, if you have a question or want some help, you may rejoin the Google Meet and speak with Mr. Chiara.

How will I be graded in my ALC English class?

- The AG, the OG, and the RG
 - The AG is the Actual Grade. This is the actual grade based on the overall grade in relation to time elapsed. This takes into consideration if you are moving at a good pace.
 - The OG is the Overall Grade. This is the overall grade for only work that the student has completed. So, if you did one assignment and got a 100, your OG would be 100.
 - The RG is the Relative Grade. The relative grade assumes that the student will receive zeros for any incomplete activities. So, if you did one assignment and got a 100, but did no other assignments the rest of the marking period, the RG shows what your score would be if you did nothing. In other words, your grade would be very low.
- On Edgenuity, Mr. Chiara uses the AG (actual grade) score to demonstrate your grade. He may indicate to you what the OG (overall grade) and RG (relative grade) are to you, but the AG what is posted on Genesis each week.

Weighted Categories

- 80% Edgenuity, different assignments carry different weights:
 - 50% of your grade is Tests & Quizzes
 - 30% of your grade is Essays and other written assignments
 - 20% of your grade is Projects and other miscellaneous assignments
- 20% Participation
 - Your ability to sign on and check in with Mr. Chiara via Google Meet
 - You staying on task within the classroom, if you are in-person

Four Marking Periods & Expectation

- Because the course is split into four marking periods, you must complete each Marking Period by the end of the Marking Period. You cannot work on prior Marking Periods in the following one.

Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism

- Plagiarism and academic dishonesty is not tolerated.
- There are consequences for infractions related to academic dishonesty and plagiarism.
- Please refer to the Warren Hills Regional School District Policy #5701.

What if I am absent from class?

- **Edgenuity is always around**

- You can work on the Edgenuity on your Chromebook at home if you are able to, or catch up on your work when next in class.

Chromebook & Cell Phone Policy

- Chromebooks are the only digital tool you will need in class, but must not be used until Mr. Chiara has instructed you to do so.
- Using the cellphone in class is earned — Mr. Chiara will deem when you have shown enough self-motivation and progress in Edgenuity to warrant the use of your device.
- You cannot charge any of your devices in Mr. Chiara’s classroom, be it your cell phone or Chromebook.
- There are disciplinary consequences if this policy is not followed.

What is Mr. Chiara’s Availability?

Please schedule an appointment — either in person or via email — to ensure time dedicated to your personal needs.

Mr. Chiara’s Contact Information

Room: 116

Voicemail Extension: 3597

E-Mail: chiarac@warrenhills.org

- **NOTE: ALL** student email communication must come via their school supplied warrenhills.org email address.

Closing Remarks

I am looking forward to getting to know you individually – as a student with a unique personality and voice – and corporately – as a collection of students working together toward our educational goals for the year!

- Mr. Chiara