



## ***EL- Literature & Composition Class***

### ***Rigor Definition***

*A system of academic and social instruction conducive to provide students with a stress-free environment that includes high expectations, rigorous academic content, tiered intervention and instructional scaffolding practices intended to produce independent learners and productive thinkers (Ms. Chacon).*

### ***Welcome to Ms. Chacon's class!***

My name is Mabel A. Chacon. I have been an EL teacher since 1996, first in my country of origin – Argentina, and since 2001 in the United States. My commitment, as a member of the EL Department is to help English Language Learners acquire the necessary language skills to succeed, not only in school, but in life as well. I believe that every student, regardless his or her nationality or circumstances, has the potential to become a productive and valuable member of our community if learning and responsibility are in place. Excellence in learning and succeeding is achievable through education and a strong desire to become a victor instead of a victim. Educators are here to support you all in this educational journey!

My room number is 312-B. Phone Number is (336) 316-5800

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***Tutorials:*** Wednesday from 4 to 5 pm by appointment.

### ***Class content***

The focus of the EL- Literature & Composition Class is to build up literacy and writing skills in English so that students can become independent readers and problem solvers by developing academic language, computer skills, and writing as researchers. The text material is related to the English class material so that students can build more academic concepts and background knowledge required to be successful in EOCs or other classes. The objective is to develop reading comprehension of compelling and complex texts so that in the future students can pursue higher education either in 2-year or 4-year college programs, or in a work environment. Students are expected to realize that reading is key to success.

### ***Class Rules***

- 1) Enter the classroom in silence and prepare your material to learn.
- 2) Follow the rules described in the Student Handbook
- 3) Respect yourself and others as well as respect the school property and materials.
- 4) Avoid using profanity.
- 5) Cell phones, food, sugary drinks are not permitted in the classroom.

- 6) ALWAYS ask a question if you do not understand the material.
- 7) Skipping or being late to class hinders your school success. Students who skip or are late to class will need to stay in after school detention. No compliance means a DISCIPLINE REFERRAL TO ADMINISTRATION.

***Test days: Thursday or Monday***

***Grading policy***

- 25% classwork and homework
- 25% Quizzes
- 50% Tests, Projects, or Essays

***Grading Equity***

- 2 Tests or Major Projects per quarter
- 4 quizzes per quarter
- 1 Common Cumulative Exam per quarter

***Assignments and Assessments***

- Classwork and homework
- Quizzes (announced and pop /unannounced)
- Projects /technology
- Research Papers or Essays
- Presentations

***Late Work Policy***

- Minus 15 points per day for 3-days
- Day 4<sup>th</sup> = 0

***Make Up time***

For students to obtain a passing grade for each quarter, they need to make up their excused or unexcused absences after school.

30 minutes per missing class period.

NO COMPLIANCE = F (59%)

***Make-up work Policy***

Students are responsible for making up their work if they fail the quarter. Some classes will assign APEX Recovery or a teacher-made package.

Students need to sign a teacher contract to recover their grade, and obtain a passing grade of 60 or higher.

Any questions, students are responsible for asking their teachers or counselors.

Students are responsible for monitoring their grades by using Power School.

***Administrators Assignments***

Mr. Kashubara – Seniors

Ms. Dye – Last names from A to G

Mr. Gallioti – Last names from H to O

Ms. Leightly – Last names from P to Z

### ***Counselors Assignments***

Ms. Savers - Last names from A to D

Mr. Dargan – Last names from E to K

Ms. Decker - Last names from L to Ri

Ms. Evans - Last names from Ro to Z

### **School Social Worker**

Ms. Graalman – Mondays -Tuesday- Friday. In the afternoon only.

### **School Nurse**

Ms. Lindsey Kohser – Monday and Wednesday (pm)

### ***Useful links***

- 1) ***Grammarly.com*** to check your writing /grammar before submitting your essay.
- 2) ***To order your school transcript***  
<https://guilfordnc.scriborder.com/>
- 3) ***To research sources for essay writing and senior paper***  
<http://www.ncwiseowl.org>  
Password for NCWISE  
Wiseowl17
- 4) <https://gcsnc.powerschool.com/public/home.html> for parents to create their PowerSchool account and monitor students grades and attendance.

