Gateway Senior High School

Course Syllabus

Course: Literary Studies                             Length: Semester

Department: English                                   Periods/Week: 5

Units of Credit: .5

Instructors: Mrs.Dudek/Mrs. Ireland

1. General Course Objectives

The student will be able to:

            A. develop an aesthetic appreciation for literature

            B. analyze components of literature and relate inferred values and skills to life

            C. improve critical reading and analytical skills

            D. evaluate various writing styles and viewpoints used in literature

            E. improve writing skills

            F. improve discussion skills when concerning literature

            G. interpret basic themes found in literature

2. Course Content

The following is a general overview of course content and approximate coverage timelines for the semester. Please note that this is tentative and subject to change. Students will be notified of all changes.

I.                   Elements of a Short Story

a.       Plot-

b.      Character-

c.       Symbolism-

d.      point of view- “The Lottery” by Shirley Jackson

e.       setting-

f.       theme-

II.                Fiction

a.       *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier

b.      *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

c.       *A Child Called “It”*

III.             Portfolio and Final Exam

3. Learning Activities

a. individual and group activities                    f. handouts

b. small and large group discussions               g. lecture

c. guided and independent practice                h. homework/classwork

d. reading and writing assignments                i. special projects

4. Procedures for Evaluations/Determination of Grade

    a. compositions

    b. exams/quizzes

    c. projects

    d. class participation (quality and frequency)

    e. homework

    f. classwork

\*Please note: The final portfolio for the class determines the percentage that will appear on the report card as the “final exam grade”. If the final portfolio is not turned in on time, a zero percent will be factored into the final grade for the course.\*

The district grading scale is as follows:

90-100%     = A

80-89%       = B

70-79%       = C

60-69          = D

59% or less = F