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| Princess Anne Middle School Course Expectations | |
| **Teacher Contact Information** | **Course & Course Description** |
| * Teacher: Ms. Andrea Vinikoff * School Telephone Number: 757-648-4950 * Email Address: andrea.vinikoff@vbschools.com * Class Website: <http://pams-avinikoff.wikispaces.com/> * Google Classroom codes will be distributed during class. | Grade 6 English   * The English Curriculum is taught by units and will cover communication skills, such as speaking, listening, and media literacy, reading and responding to literature, writing, and researching. The following four units will be taught in this order: Search for Identity, Passages and Challenges, The Role of the Writer, and Exploring Themes from Mystery and the Unknown or Laughter and Sorrow. |
| **Required Materials** | **Student Attendance Expectations** |
| * Three-ring binder containing a separate section for English * Loose-leaf paper * Pencils * Pens * Coloring Utensils * Highlighters * Spiral notebook with at least 100 pages * Flash drive (this will be used for all classes) * Agenda (which students will be given) * \*\*Donations of tissues, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, glue sticks, and any other classroom supplies would be greatly appreciated! | * Regular attendance is important to academic development and to successful completion of required Standards of Learning and end-of-course tests. A student missing more than 15 minutes of a class is considered absent. Upon the seventh absence, a student will lose credit for a credit-bearing class. * If your child is absent from class, please follow-up by sending a note explaining the reason for your child’s absence upon his or her return to PAMS. Any absence for which a note is not received will be marked unverified. * Students are responsible for collecting their make-up work and completing it in a timely manner. |
| **Classroom Procedures** | **Student Behavior Expectations** |
| * Students are expected to arrive on time to class with all required materials in hand. Once in class, students are expected to begin their warm-up or follow the stated agenda. Students are encouraged to participate, be engaged, ask questions, and collaborate. * Students will have designated locker and bathroom/water breaks prior to and after class. * Students are solely responsible for their own Chromebooks. These should be fully charged and ready to go for the day’s lesson. | * All students are expected to be honest, respectful, responsible, and prepared! * Students should know and adhere to all policies stated in the Code of Conduct as well as those of PAMS. * Students experiencing difficulties meeting behavioral expectations will be disciplined according to the Princess Anne Middle School discipline plan. Steps may include: warning, written notification to parent, detention, referral to guidance/conference, and referral to administration. * The Dress Code will also be enforced. Any student not dressed properly will be sent to the office so that he/she may call home for new clothing. * Due to the use of Chromebooks, cell phones must be turned off and placed in the student’s locker or left at home. If a student is caught with a cell phone, it will be taken down to the office for the student to retrieve at the end of the day. |
| **VBCPS Grading Scale** | **Class Grading for Assignments and Assessments** |
| *Letter Grade Range Point Value*  A 93-100 4.0  A- 90-92 3.7  B+ 87-89 3.3  B 83-86 3.0  B- 80-82 2.7  C+ 77-79 2.3  C 73-76 2.0  C- 70-72 1.7  D+ 67-69 1.3  D 64-66 1.0  E Below 64 0.0 | * Assignments * Quizzes * Tests * Projects * Other * Tests, essays, and projects are weighted as two grades. All other assignments are weighted as one grade. |
| **Explanation of Zeroes** | **Homework** |
| * Zeroes may be placed in the gradebook until work has been turned in. However, at the close of the grading period, zeroes will be replaced with a 50. | * Homework will not be graded; however, it is necessary to complete when given to reinforce or extend the lessons learned in class. Failure to complete homework may affect your student’s understanding of the content. Although there may not be an assignment given every night, it is recommended that students review each day’s lessons at home. Homework will be checked for completion and corrected in class. |
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| **Late Work Policy** | **Extra Credit** |
| * Late work will be accepted without penalty until a week prior to the end of the quarter. However, if work is not completed in a timely manner, it may affect the pacing and understanding of the content. | * Extra credit will not be offered as students will have the opportunity for retakes and/or feedback. |
| **Make up Work Policy** | **Tutoring and Remediation** |
| * Make up work will be accepted without penalty until a week prior to the end of the quarter. However, if work is not completed in a timely manner, it may affect the pacing and understanding of the content. | * Princess Anne Middle School offers before and after school tutoring. A flyer with the days and times will be sent out soon from our SIS, Mrs. Bell. Individualized tutoring with the teacher will be offered either before or after school with advanced notice or during Design Time. |
| **Reassessment** | **Student/Parent Portal Updates** |
| * Retakes will be given on tests following the teacher’s intervention, which will include ensuring all prior work given in preparation is completed and turned in. | * Grades accessible through the Student and Parent Portal will be updated every week. |
| **Honor Code** | **Parent Contact** |
| I assume responsibility of my own actions, and I promise to uphold the honor code of Princess Anne Middle School by neither giving nor receiving unauthorized help on any quiz, test, exam, or other academic assignment. | * Parents will be contacted via phone calls and email for “E” and “D” grades at progress report and report card time. |
| **Student/Parent Acknowledgement** |
| I have read and understand the course expectations.  Student Signature  Parent/Guardian Signature |