



Luther Burbank High School

Welcome Students!

I am honored to welcome you into the new school year and am looking forward to an exciting and memorable school year! Below is a general outline of the English III and IV. The goal is to teach meaningful and transferable skills that are relevant to your life, now and beyond high school. This course will also help you cultivate an unending love for reading and writing. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or schedule a time to meet.

Instructor: Arianna Cervantes Email: acervantes6@saisd.net

Tutoring: Available upon request.

Course Name: English IV

Course Description: In our classes, we will acquire and practice their reading and writing skills by closely analyzing and responding to culturally relevant texts. Doing these things will help us build our critical thinking skills that help us solve problems in our lives after high school. We will use our writing as a tool for expression and communication, and we will build an appreciation for how literary works enrich our lives.

Daily Supplies: Chromebook / Laptop (charged)

Pen / Pencil

Journal (provided)

SAISD Grading Policy:

Assessments: Tests, Projects, Quizzes, and Essays 40%

Assignments: Daily Work (this includes participation) & Homework 60%

TOTAL 100%

A student will be permitted a reasonable opportunity to re-submit an assignment or retake a test for which the student received a grade of less than 70. Following additional instruction or intervention, students will have one opportunity to redo a test or an assignment.

*Late work will be accepted upon teacher discretion.

Semester Exams:

Students will take two end of semester exams this year. These exams will test their skill level and check progress, as well as indicate which students need more help. They will count for 15% of the student's semester grade.

Homework:

Our classes are 95 minutes long! This gives students plenty of time to complete assignments in class. As long as time is used wisely there should be no homework.

Make-Up Work:

Per SAISD district policy, students are allowed to make up work after either an excused or unexcused absence. Extensions may be granted with teacher and principal approval. The student must request any assignments they may have missed from the teacher.

Class Rules & Procedures:

1. Follow all class procedures.
2. Be on time and ready for class.
3. Be respectful to others and their property.
4. Stay on task.
5. Use appropriate language.

Restorative Practices:

Students will be expected to adhere to conduct, attendance, and electronic device policies as stated in the SAISD Student Code of Conduct Handbook and those established by the school. However, for those students that do not, the following is a list of potential remediation:

1. Documented verbal warning
2. Parent phone call/parent-teacher conference
3. Restorative Remediation Meeting