

## English Language Arts Disclosure Addendum 2023-2024

We will follow the school wide disclosure contract that is handed out in your first period class. Here is a little bit of information that we are required to notify you about in advance:

### Media

Part of our learning standards this year will include comparing, contrasting, and analyzing printed versions of literature alongside their movie counterparts as well as analyzing director's choices and narrative techniques. We may show either clips or the entire feature of:

7th grade: *WALL-E*, *Planet Earth*, *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*, *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*

8th grade: *The Outsiders*, *Zootopia*, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, *Shrek*, *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, and *Spider-Man: Into the Spiderverse*.

9th grade: *Romeo + Juliet*, *Anne With An 'E'* (from season one), *Anne of Green Gables*, and *And Then There Were None* (BBC mini series), *The Hunger Games*, and *Catching Fire*.

If you wish to opt your student out of any/all movies, please notify your student's teacher via email during the first two weeks of school and we will be sure to accommodate your student with alternate assignments.

### DonorsChoose

DonorsChoose [sic] is a charity that helps connect donors with teachers who need classroom supplies. After a project is funded, DonorsChoose requires thank you packages be sent to the individuals and organizations who gave money. This often includes group photographs of students using the donated materials.

If you would like to opt out of your student appearing in a thank you package photograph, please notify your student's teacher via email during the first two weeks of school and we will make sure to remove them from group photos.

### Important Deadlines

Even though late penalties will not be applied to students' grades, there are deadlines each term for turning in missing assignments or redoing assignments. We will follow the school policy for late assignments, but in addition, students must have all work turned in by the following dates in order to ensure that we have time to grade everything prior to reporting finalized grades:

1st term cut-offs:

Midterm: Wednesday, September 20

End of term: Friday, October 20

2nd term cut-offs:

Midterm: Friday, December 1

End of term: Friday, January 12

3rd term cut-offs:

Midterm: Thursday, February 15

End of term: Friday, March 22

4th term cut-offs:

Midterm: Tuesday, April 30

End of term: Friday, May 24

## Grades

Your grades are calculated on Skyward. We will use the online learning platform Canvas this year. Canvas will show you individual grades for specific assignments--and may even average these grades together in some fashion. Please remember that the average posted on Canvas is ***different from your actual grade*** in Skyward. It will be especially important for you to remember to log in and check Skyward for your grades if and when we retreat from in person learning onto distance learning.

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