

Back to School Night

with Mrs. Hamilton

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English 9 Regular/Honors

Meet Jennifer Hamilton, Teacher

Hello, my name is Jennifer Hamilton and I am excited to get our school year started. As a teacher, I love what I do and strive to be better every day.

I received a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education with certification in English and Social Studies from Western Michigan University. While at WMU, I was a member of the WMU Bronco Marching Band Color Guard, a member of Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Fraternity and an instructor of English 1000: Intro to Basic Writing.

After graduation I worked at an alternative high school in Climax, MI where I taught literature, basic reading and writing. In 2007, I moved from Michigan to Maryland to teach 9th grade English in Northeast Baltimore City. I taught in Baltimore for two years before accepting my current position at Reservoir High School. This is my fifth year at RHS.



Mrs. Hamilton at commencement 2013

At RHS I served as the Class of 2013 Advisor, and am a member of the SGA action team. I am also on the 9th grade team and a proctor for the SAT examinations. I recently earned a Master's in Science in School Library Media from McDaniel College and am also a certified librarian.

In my free time I enjoy quilting, baking, reading and spending time with my husband, and my dog Indiana.

Meet Chelsea Alessandro, Student Teacher

Hello, my name is Chelsea Alessandro. I am a senior at Towson University and will be a student teacher this year in Mrs. Hamilton classroom. I am excited to work with everyone this year and become apart of the RHS community! I will graduate from Towson in May with a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education with certification in English and a minor in Cultural Studies.. I have interned for two years as a Writing Resource teacher at an Elementary school and worked at the YMCA as a Preschool teacher and a before and after school teacher. When I am not in a classroom you can usually catch me reading, taking my dogs to the park, or traveling with my fiancé!

Quick Links

Reservoir High School

www.rhsgators.com



Mrs. Hamilton's Website

<http://englishatrhs.weebly.com/mrs-hamilton.html>



Reservoir Media Center

<https://sites.google.com/site/rehsmedia/>



ASPEN Parent Portal

<https://fp.hcpss.org/aspengon.do>



Curriculum Topics

Unit Topics

Reflections: Night by Elie Wiesel
Dramatists as Social Commentators: A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry
Coming of Age: To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Imaginary Worlds: Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Skills

Grammar Skills
Tone/Mood
Public Speaking
Research Skills
Sentence Variety
Technology

Major Assignments

Research Paper
Personal Narrative
Argument Writing
Character sketch/analysis
SAT Style Timed Writing
Persuasive Essay
Speech
Poems
Short Story

Class Texts

- Students will be provided with required textbooks that they will be responsible for carrying to and from class.
- **Students may purchase their own copy of the text to use during study. This allows students to write their note directly in the book.**
- If a student loses a school owned book they will be held responsible for the replacement value.
- The approximate cost of replacement is:
 - \$25 for Novels
 - \$75 for the Textbook

Behavior Expectations

RHS Code of Conduct and Important Policies

In Class, students will be expected to follow the Gator Code of Conduct and the school rules as outlined in the student planner at all times. Please review the following policies with your student.

- Electronic Devices Page ____
- Absence Policy Page ____
- Cut Policy Page ____
- Dress Code Page ____

Mrs. Hamilton's Classroom Expectations

- Take responsibility for your actions.
- Respect one another, the teachers and the classroom environment.
- Arrive on time and prepared to work.
- Follow RHS policies and procedures.
- Actively and thoughtfully engage in class activity.

Consequence Sequence for minor incidents including tardiness:

- 1st Offence: Staff/Student Conference
- 2nd Offence: SIR and contact home
- 3rd Offence: SIR, contact home, classroom intervention
- 4th Offence: Contact home and discipline referral

Incidents not considered minor will result in immediate discipline referral and contact home.



Thank You for coming this evening. Please contact me with any concerns you may have throughout the year.

Grading Policies

Calculating Grades

Grades in English 9 will be calculated by total number of points divided by points earned. Letter grades will be assigned on the following scale:

- A: 100-89%
- B: 89.5-79%
- C: 79.5 -69.5%
- D: 69.5 -59%
- E: 59.5% and below

For Example:

You earned	792 pts
Out of	950 pts
Which equals	.833
or	83.3% B

Late Work

With the exception of major writing assignments, unexcused late work will not be accepted. Major projects that are turned in late will have 10% deducted from their final project grade for each day late. **If a student has a special circumstance, it is up to that student to speak to me outside of class prior to the due date.**

Extra Credit

Extra credit will be given occasionally throughout each unit. Extra credit points may not be used in place of missing assignments and will not make up for poor effort during a marking period.

Homework

- Students will have homework at least 2 nights a week in addition to their nightly reading.
- If a student misses 2 homework assignments in a row, they will receive a call home

Academic Honor Code

All students are expected to abide by the Reservoir Honor Code at all times and will be held accountable for any violations of the Honor Code.

Materials

Your student will need the following supplies this year:

1. Lined paper
2. 3-Ring Binder (1" of space) w/ Dividers
3. Pens (Blue or Black ink)
4. Pencils
5. Sticky Notes
6. A Highlighter
7. USB Drive
8. Working email address