

Rules and Tenets for my English Class

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- The truth is: God has you here for a reason. You could have been born somewhere in the jungles of Papua New Guinea or the desert of Mongolia or the scary dictatorship of North Korea. But, you weren't. You are in America (better still – in Texas!), in one of the richest areas of the world, with parents who love you, attending a great school, with the opportunity to make a difference in the world. So, don't squander this.
- English has four components: writing, vocabulary, literature and grammar. That's a lot to cover, so you have to give it your best in order to get it done.
- Come early to class. We don't have time for tardies. I mean it. I will mark you tardy.
- Pay attention all the time. If you don't, you are going to miss something important.
- Do not distract others. Distracting others is stealing.
- You are going to have to give a lot of effort to English class on your home days, too. I have planned carefully to keep the home day lessons at one and one half hours. However, most days this will be a solid one and one half hours, so you'll need to focus and work hard to keep it within that time frame.
- Reading every day is great habit. One of Legacy Prep's goals is for its students to be daily readers. When you have a novel assigned in my class, I recommend you plan to read some of it every day. Carry the book with you when you go somewhere. Look for opportunities to read – maybe while your mom runs into the grocery store. Or maybe when you get stopped by a train.
- Think of yourself as a surgeon who must bring your best to the operating table regardless of what is going on in your life. If a doctor isn't entirely focused, his or her patient could die. I realize this is a little drastic – I mean, English class is not a live or die situation like surgery can be; nonetheless, the point is that you must decide to bring your best self to class and to your studies every single day – no matter how tired or distracted you might be feeling.
- God has given you an excellent mind – you are smarter than you think you are. On top of that, the Holy Spirit is always ready and willing to help you. Consequently, the words "I can't do this" are not allowed to be uttered in my classroom. I'm not into mind control, but I don't want the words "I can't do this" in your thoughts, either.
- God will always show you a way to meet every challenge if you ask Him to. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" is true. It just is.
- Most important of all: Jesus loves you, and He died for you. It's the truth. Believe it.