

# Analy High School

## West Sonoma County Union High School District

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To the parents/guardians of Advanced Placement Language & Composition students:

Thank you in advance for reviewing the AP Language & Composition syllabus. The class is a rigorous college level course that moves at a brisk pace. As a college-level course, I adopt the rule of thumb for college courses: two hours of homework for every hour in class. Since we meet 5 hours/week, I plan with 10 hours of additional work in mind. While most weeks will not entail that amount of homework; some will. Please note that your child will need to dedicate a significant amount of time towards this course.

When your child signed up for the course, s/he was asked to commit to:

- perform at a college level.
- complete any summer work required for the course.
- abide by the AP Attendance Policy and understand my grade can be affected by poor attendance.
- take the end of course Advanced Placement test in May.
- stay in the class; no transfers are allowed.

In addition to the rigors outlined in the course syllabus, we *may* be viewing clips from the following films. To save time and trees, I am seeking your permission for your child's viewing of these films in advance. The films may include clips from Paul Haggis' 2004 film, *Crash*, John Singleton's 1995 film, *Higher Learning*, Tony Kaye's 1998 film, *American History X*, Spike Lee's 2000 film, *Bamboozled* or Milos Forman's 1975 film, *"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, as well as several unrated documentaries. Alternative assignments are available for those students who are not granted permission.

Feel free to contact me at [tmaxson.ahs@wscuhd.k12.ca.us](mailto:tmaxson.ahs@wscuhd.k12.ca.us) for any further clarification. If you wish to find course assignments and articles, you will find most at my website: [maxsonsahsclasses.weebly.com](http://maxsonsahsclasses.weebly.com).

Looking forward to a great year,

Tricia Maxson



Please initial below acknowledging that you have read AP Language/Composition syllabus and understand:

- \_\_\_ ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE EXPECTATIONS
- \_\_\_ ASSESSMENT POLICIES—specifically Late Work Policy
- \_\_\_ PARENTS-STUDENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
- \_\_\_ Course syllabus and assignment schedule are available on Ms. Maxson's website.

I grant permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to view the above named films.  
(please print student's name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature of parent/guardian                      date                      signature of student                      date

**Signed permission slips must be returned by \_\_\_\_\_ ...thanks!**