Advanced Placement English Language Contract

 The Advanced Placement English Language Contract is a document suggested by the College Board, the organization that oversees all AP courses, to clarify what is involved in an AP course.

 The following list is a brief outline of the responsibilities & expectations of an AP student:

* **OVERVIEW** – The AP course is a college-level course offered to high school students.  The amount of work assigned, and the caliber of that work is expected to be of that level.  The course prepares students to pass the AP exam and receive college credit.  College credit is given only if the exam is passed.

**BEHAVIOR** – Students are expected to behave properly and follow an ethical code.  Intentional cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated.  Any infraction of any kind or degree will result in disciplinary action, parent involvement, and a zero on the assignment.

**PARTICIPATION** – Students will be expected to be prepared every day so that they can engage in debate, discussion, and critical thinking.

**EXAM** – All students are expected to take the AP exam in May. Further information will be provided at a later date.

  **MATERIALS** – Students will be expected to bring all necessary materials to class every day.

* **READING** – Outside reading for this class is mandatory and will be assigned as homework throughout the year.  The readings are college-level materials.  Students will be provided a calendar with the scheduled readings.

**WRITING** – One of the key components to the course is writing.  This involves applying prior knowledge, the information given, and critical thinking skills.  The level of writing accepted in other classes *will not be sufficient* in this course.

**GRADES** – The school’s AP grading scale will be used.  Since this course is a college level course, students may receive a grade that is lower than they usually receive.  This grade is weighted differently on students’ GPAs.

 \*Please sign and return the bottom portion of this contract by the following date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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I acknowledge that I have read the above contract:

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