



**McCants Middle School  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade English I Honors  
2019-2020  
Ms. Lance**

Dear Parents and Students,

I want to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year at McCants Middle School! This syllabus is to help you understand my policies and procedures. English I Honors follows the high school curriculum, which is aligned with the South Carolina College and Career Readiness Standards. Parents, please take the time to review and discuss this information with your student. If you have any questions or concerns at any time throughout the school year, please feel free to contact me.

**After reading over all of this information, students and parents should fill out and sign the last page, and return it to me no later than Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**General Information**

*Room:* 107  
*Phone:* (864) 260-5145  
*E-mail:* [julielance@anderson5.net](mailto:julielance@anderson5.net)  
*Planning Time:* 10:30-11:15

**Materials**

Required materials are on the school materials list. Students are responsible for bringing the following materials to my class: Chromebook (**fully charged each day**), 3-ring binder with dividers/notebook paper, and pencils.

**Grading Policy**

Students' grades will consist of a variety of assignments including: tests/projects, quizzes, notebook checks, daily grades, and class participation. **I do not give extra credit.** Grades will be calculated based on the district grading policy:

Major Assessments (tests, quizzes, essays, projects) – 70%  
Minor Assessments (classwork, homework) – 20%  
Daily Grades (participation, “bell ringers”) – 10%

Please be mindful that English I students WILL NOT have to take and End of Course (EOC) exam this year!

Grading Scale:

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
Below 60	F

*Note: Please see the district website for information regarding our school's policy on retaking tests.*

Parents are encouraged to sign up for PowerSchool, where you can access your child's grades.

### **Late Work Policy**

Any classwork not completed in class must be completed for homework. It will be due the following school day at the beginning of class. Ten points will be deducted per day for each day that an assignment is past due. **No credit will be given for assignments turned in more than 5 days late.**

### **Make-up Work (due to absences only)**

If students are absent from class, it is their responsibility to pick up missed assignments out of their class period's file. Students will have 5 school days after the absence to turn in this missed work. **If students miss a test or quiz, they are responsible for coming to me to schedule a make-up time. Students will have 5 school days to make up a test or quiz.**

### **Extra Help from the Teacher**

I can arrange to meet with students after school or during my planning times with the approval of their Related Arts teacher. If a student needs time to meet with me, I will need to be informed at least one day in advance.

### **Class Rules / Consequences**

Rules:

1. Students will bring all required materials to class daily.
2. Students will be in their seats with materials ready, pencils sharpened, and will begin reading when the tardy bell rings.
3. Students will remain in their seats during class unless they have permission from the teacher.
4. Students will raise their hand and wait for permission to speak from the teacher.
5. Students will be respectful of the teacher and fellow classmates at all times.

### **Tardies**

Any student who is late to class is required to have an excuse from the office or from another teacher. Parents will be contacted if unexcused tardies become a problem.

### **Leaving Class:**

Students must have a key card lanyard with them at all times to be used as a pass to leave the 8<sup>th</sup> grade hallway.

### **Chromebooks:**

Students are expected to fully charge their Chromebooks each night. They will not be allowed to charge any devices in my room because there are no available outlets. There will be 3 levels of use of the Chromebook in my class: "Open" means the device should be on and the screen ready, "Courtesy" means the device's screen should be lowered halfway and the student should have eyes on me, and "Closed" means the device should be closed completely.

**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN TO ME NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Thank you for reading my classroom policies and procedures. I look forward to a great school year with your student!

**I HAVE READ MS. LANCE'S CLASSROOM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, AND I UNDERSTAND THE EXPECTATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES:**

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Any information you would like to provide to me about your student (i.e. learning styles, vision or hearing impairments, medical concerns, preferential seating, etc.):

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