

9th Grade English/Honors English FAQ

****If you have any specific questions about how your son or daughter is doing in class, please come to Parent Teacher Conference on September 25 from 3:30–8 p.m.**

Walkaways in English:

How many Walkaways can my student expect each term?

Term 1 (4)

Roots: act, bio, clud, counter, de

Literary Elements: Conflict, Character, Plot, Setting, Theme

*Describe how conflict, character, and plot work together.

*Explain how character is developed through implication and inference.

*Relate themes in literary works to real-life events.

*Analyze how setting contributes to characterization, plot, or theme.

Capitalization: Languages, races, nationalities, religions, sections of the country

Commas: *to set apart an introductory phrase from the main sentence
*to join independent clauses joined by a conjunction (no comma with “because” and independent clause with a dependent clause)
* to separate “if/then” statements

Term 2 (4)

Roots: act, bio, clud, counter, de, fer, fract, gram, mar, mem

Inquiry: Research Skills Walkaway (Info. Text: web pages, encyclopedias)

*Gather information from multiple sources that reflect varied points of view.

*Evaluate credibility of sources

*Use primary and secondary sources

*Use formal and informal citations to support inquiry (teach MLA works cited, in-text citation is optional)

*Report analysis of multiple points of view using paraphrase, summary, and/or quotations.

Colons: between title and subtitle; lists; complete sentences

Parentheses: interrupting thoughts, abbreviations

Term 3 (3)

Roots: act, bio, clud, counter, de, fer, fract, gram, mar, mem, nav, pop, port, rupt, scribe

Figurative Language: Similes, Metaphors, Personification, Hyperbole, Symbolism

Persuasion: Persuasive Essay (go my access)—Competitive Sport Requirement Essay

*State a thesis that clearly takes a position

*Organize writing effectively using leads, details, transitions, and conclusions.

*Refute counter arguments by using personal experience, facts, anecdotes, examples, and paraphrased ideas.

Term 4

Roots: act, bio, clud, counter, de, fer, fract, gram, mar, mem, nav, pop, port, rupt, scribe, sect, sur, tele, tort, uni

Confused Words: Accept/Except, Advise/Advice, Council/Counsel, Councilor/Counselor, Principal/Principle, Peace/Piece, Than/Then, Weather/Whether, Who/Which/That, Who's/Whose

Informational Text: Newspapers, magazines, maps, schedules, and product instructions.

*Comprehend and evaluate informational text

*Analyze the purpose of external text features and structures in a variety of informational texts.

*Comprehend text using internal text structures and their appropriate cue words and phrases (i.e. cause/effect, problem/solution)

*Infer meaning from implicit information in text.

*Distinguish relevant from merely interesting information.

How can I help my son or daughter prepare at home for their Walkaways?

Make sure your son or daughter has all homework and class work turned in by using Power School. Help your son or daughter study and review for the walk away.

Advisory in English:

What will advisory “look like” in English?

Each teacher will run Advisory differently. However, each teacher will review and re-teach the material from the walk away (remediation) before the student can retake the walkaways. Teachers will have a variety of learning games, worksheets, lectures, etc to remediate the students during Advisory

How can I ensure my son or daughter takes advantage of advisory time?

To ensure that your son or daughter takes advantage of Advisory, make sure they come. Keep track of their grades and know which walkaways they are passing and not passing.

Enrichment Opportunities in English:

What enrichment opportunities will be available for all students in English?

There will be many different enrichment activities. They will range from worksheets to learning activities and games.

Using Power School in English:

How can I use Power School to help my son/daughter succeed in English?

Every Friday, we update our grades before leaving school. Check their success by tracking their grades on Power School weekly. They were given a username and password on Sept. 2. You can set up to have an e-mail sent to you for each class or for certain classes.