**Rivera Early College High School**

**2017-2018 Course Syllabus**

Course: English I Pre-AP

Teacher: Mrs. C. Sierra

**Course Description:** English I consists of grammar and vocabulary skills, selected readings in American and British literature, various writing styles that may require research, and a variety of critical discourse requiring higher order thinking skills. Students will become familiar with several literary genres – fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, etc - thus allowing them to expand their vocabulary as well as their comprehension skills.

Most importantly, this Pre-AP program is designed to give students the skills necessary to be successful in future challenging courses such as Dual Enrollment Composition I and II or Advanced Placement Language and Literature. These classes are taken your junior and senior year, and although it might seem far away, your preparation begins NOW!

**Examples of Course Activities:**

**Group work:** Analyzing literature, comparing ideas and writing, collaborating in projects, sharing and reflecting ideas via informal and formal assessments, gathering data, and preparing arguments with evidence from multiple sources

**Reading:** Current Events, Primary Sources, Instructions or How To documents, Novels, Essays, Speeches, Poetry

**Writing:** PEG online writing software, APEX online writing software, multiple page papers, analytical papers, reflective papers, expository papers, persuasive papers, research papers

**Questioning and researching:** extending topics in class by creating questions, answering questions, researching applications and additional related topics so they can be shared with others

**Assessments:**

PEG Writing Assignments

Daily work

Six week exams constructed from information and skills you have used in class

Presentations

Multiple page writing tasks derived from incremental assignments

Reports from reading assignments; Socratic Seminar

Problem-based learning assignments

Projects showing your ability to extend or apply what you have learned

**Supplies needed for this course:** Pens, Binder, Dividers, Spiral Notebook, USB Drive, Post-it notes

**Deadlines:** All deadlines are final. No late work will be accepted unless one of your three hardship coupons is attached to it.

**Cell Phone Rules:** Cell phones are only allowed when teacher specifies an activity that requires technology; if cell phone is taken out during another time period, they will be confiscated.

**Note:** Readings and other activities are subject to change throughout the year.