English and Language Arts 2018-2019

The English classes at Hettinger High School are designed around a large variety of skills and areas at which the students may learn to excel. Since the national and state tests include reading and grammar sections, our classes focus on literature and on composition skills for writing and speaking.

The students sign a contract the first week of school which gives them procedures and expectations. They are also made aware of nine-week tests and a semester test that counts as 1/5 or twenty percent of their grade. Likewise, they know that they may use notes on these tests—until we get into the literature areas in second semester.

The major focus first semester is on grammar and composition basics, with some vocabulary/spelling/usage and capitalization/punctuation and some fun as they learn skills for life-long use.

The second semester focuses on literature and composition skills for use in essays, research papers, and reaction papers.