

**GREAT NECK SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL  
COURSE EXPECTATION SHEET**

**ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**

**COURSE: CREATIVE WRITING**

(Revised: 6/07)

The primary purpose of this course is to give students experience in writing nonfiction essays and poems.

This course is conducted in a workshop format, i.e., most class periods are devoted to writing. Journal writing will be an integral part of the class. Readings to be used as models will be selected from various short stories and poems that reflect particular writing technique.

Additional pieces of writing will be graded after extensive revision. Students will be evaluated on the basis of their own efforts and demonstrated progress. Grades will be determined by attendance, conferences, and timeliness of submitted work.

**Student/Teacher Conferences**

Students will be expected to have writing conferences with the teacher. If the student and teacher do not share a mutually convenient free period, it is the student's responsibility to find a convenient time.

**Attendance Philosophy**

Regular attendance and punctuality are expected. Cutting is not permitted. If students intentionally absent themselves from a class without a legitimate reason they will not be entitled to make up any assignments or exams missed during that period. Intentional absences are a clear message that students are not interested in doing their best. Excessive illegal absence or any cutting will result in parental notification and will have a negative impact on how class participation will be factored into quarter and final grades. Attendance/participation will count as much as 20% of a student's grade.

**Plagiarism Statement**

Plagiarism is defined as presenting the thoughts, writings, and ideas of other people as one's own.

Integrity of the academic process requires that credit be given where credit is due. Accordingly, it is unethical to present as one's own work, the ideas, representations, or words of another or to permit another to present one's own work without customary and proper acknowledgment of sources.