

Colleges, Students, and Parents,

I believe that every student is capable, worthy and deserving of a rigorous education. Every student is capable of amazing things; every student is worthy of a challenging curriculum; every student deserves to learn in a comfortable environment where they are valued and respected.

English allows students to realize their agency and find their place in the world. Exploring texts and themes allow students to explore the world and connect it to their own reality gives students a sense of place and self. Writing and expression allow students a voice to actively engage themselves with the world and others. English values diverse narratives, and diverse narratives and students are valued in my class.

I believe that students must be challenged; challenged to learn, to question, to improve, to find new intellectual heights. Students, in order to become discerning citizens, will frequently encounter information that will require them to critically interact with it in order to make an informed decision. English gives them the power to understand, critique and express themselves in relation to the world and information. Challenges in my classroom come in many forms; discussions, analysis in writing and presentation.

When students are comfortable, loved and respected, they can focus on learning, not defending themselves or their identities. Maintaining an environment where students are comfortable with me, each other, and themselves is a priority. A comfortable classroom where diverse learners can coexist and celebrate differences creates more perspectives and thus more learning, about the world.