

Practical English Language Arts

2020-2021

3rd Period

Course description

Welcome to the Practical English & Reading course! In this course, students will practice reading and writing skills that are directly applicable to life skills. The focus for this year will be on many components of the English language, including conventions and mechanics, formal academic vocabulary, creative and academic writing skills, and comprehension skills for reading in various genres.

Course objectives

At the end of the class, students will be able to:

- Understand different types of reading as it pertains to literature, as well as develop reading skills
- Understand the different styles of writing and how they apply to life (narrative, expository, and argumentative) as well as develop grammar skills

Grading

- A, B, C, D or F grading system, with fifty percent being the lowest possible grade
- Student behavior will not play a part in a student's academic grade
- Academic dishonesty will be addressed through behavioral interventions rather than impacting student grades
- If a student drops to a grade of 70% or less at any point, intervention will be triggered by the teacher for the student

Attendance

Attendance is required for all Zoom meetings.

Required materials

A book to read everyday, something to write with, a folder to organize all class papers, and most importantly, a great attitude.

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Distance Learning

WSD will provide distance learning for all secondary students for the time being. This is a new concept for all teachers and students. Collaboration, cooperation, and communication is key between teachers, parents, and students.

Class Expectations

- Respect yourself, respect others, and respect property
- Be on time
- Be prepared for class
- Pay attention to the presenter (signer)
- Support everyone's learning

Class Hours

Synchronous Learning

Mondays & Wednesdays from 10am to 10:45am

Students are required to join the teacher's Zoom meetings for face-to-face instruction

Asynchronous Learning

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am to 10:45am

Students are required to log on Google Classroom and view teacher presentations, complete independent assignments, and other work as directed by the teacher

Office Hours & Intervention Time

Mondays - Thursdays, 2:15pm to 3:00pm

Fridays, 8am to 11:45am

Teachers are available for one on ones for each class period and check-ins, targeted intervention time for students below 70% in class, and tutoring when needed