

Gresham Middle School Course Syllabus

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Course Title: English Language Learners

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Course Overview

Description:

The ELL Curriculum for middle school students emphasizes the development of literacy in English through instruction in the skill areas of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

Objectives:

- English language learners **communicate** for **Social** and **Instructional** purposes within the school setting
- English language learners **communicate** information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of **Language Arts**
- English language learners **communicate** information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of **Mathematics**
- English language learners **communicate** information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of **Science**
- English language learners **communicate** information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of **Social Studies**

Expectations and Guidelines:

1. Come to class prepared and ready to learn
2. Actively participate in classroom discussion and activities
3. Positively encourage peers
4. Follow all Gresham Middle School rules and expectations

Grading Policy:

Exceeding Expectations.	93 – 100
Meeting Expectations	92 – 85
Approaching Expectations	84 – 75
Attempting Expectations	74 – 70
Insufficient Evidence	69 – 0

Instruction and Instructional Materials

Textbook and Other Materials*:

- Course Textbook: INSIDE by National Geographic is the adopted ESL text. The text will be available for students to check out on an as needed basis.
- Additional Resources: Resources in addition to the textbook will be used to enhance student learning and will be used in accordance with Knox County Schools Board and ELL Department policies.
- Audio Visual Material- Selected videos/DVDs approved by Knox County Schools may be shown in class to help students understand the unit content. Additional video clips may be used from Brain Pop, United Streaming and Discovery Ed. Students will use Knox Co. approved websites for research and class assignments.
- **ALL audio/visual and supplemental resources will be used in compliance with Knox County Schools IFAB policy.**

Religion in the Curriculum

Knox County Board policy states:

The Board affirms that it is essential that the teaching about religion—and not of a religion be conducted in a factual, objective and respectful manner in accordance with the following:

1. Music, art, literature, or drama with a religious theme or basis are permitted as part of the curriculum for school-sponsored activities and programs provided it is essential to the learning experience in the various fields of study and is presented objectively;
2. The emphasis on religious themes in the arts, literature and history shall be only as extensive as necessary for a balanced and comprehensive study of these areas. Such studies shall never foster any particular religious tenets or demean any religious beliefs; and
3. Student-initiated expressions to questions or assignments which reflect their beliefs or non-beliefs about a religious theme shall be accommodated. For example, students are free to express religious belief or non-belief in compositions, art forms, music, speech and debate.

* If you do not approve of a specific resource listed in this syllabus, please make your request to me in writing and an alternative assignment and/or materials will be provided. The request should include your name, the child's name, the specific activity/materials in which you do not want your child to participate or to which you do not want them exposed, and the nature of your objection.

Plagiarism

When presenting someone else's ideas, research, or opinions, even if it has been rephrased, one must properly cite the original author to avoid plagiarism (Harbrace Handbook, 15th edition). Plagiarism is a form of stealing and academic fraud. Students found guilty of plagiarism will engage in an academic conference with parents/guardians and the teacher. Students will be required to redo the assignment within a specified time period.

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I have read and understand the course syllabus for *insert the name of your course here*.

Student Name, printed

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Name, printed

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

