



## HS English Learner Program Course Syllabus 2023-2024

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**Course Overview:** In the English Learner (EL) program for grades 9-12, students will engage the four domains of language: reading, writing, speaking, and listening using a variety of instructional methods, learning tools, and relevant activities. During this course, students will connect language learning with core content subjects, as well as real-life experiences to enrich their understanding of the English language used across academic subjects and in the world around them. The EL program focuses heavily on the mechanics of the English language, including word usage, grammar, punctuation, syntax, capitalization, spelling, and decoding. Students will practice language skills by completing relevant activities such as constructing paragraphs, forming and expressing opinions, citing evidence from a text, recounting key details in oral presentations, and presenting their own ideas through oral presentations. All course work in the EL program is aligned with the Ohio State English Language Proficiency standards (ELPs).

### **Class Expectations:**

1. Be on time, on task, and prepared to learn every day - #setupforsuccess
2. Respect teachers, classroom, your peers, and yourself - #we'reallhumanbeings
3. Take responsibility for your own learning - #cheatingonlycheatsyou
4. Clean up after yourself; trash goes in trash can - #everythinghasaplace
5. Phones are put away in backpack and on silent - #takeabreakfromtiktok
6. No food and only water in a cup/bottle with a lid - #worktime

### **Daily Routine:**

1. Bell-ringer - students are expected to enter the classroom and begin work on the bell-ringer assignment that will be displayed on the screen.
2. Daily Objectives - we will go over our daily objectives of what we get to do in class that day.
3. Instruction - if new material is being presented, students are responsible for actively listening and participating.
4. Classwork - students will complete classwork daily and will be assigned as homework if not completed during the allotted time. Otherwise, no homework will be actively assigned, except for special projects.

5. Clean-up/Exit ticket - at the conclusion of class, students will clean up their materials and their desk area and complete an exit ticket before being dismissed. Students will remain seated and quiet until the bell rings.

**Materials:** Students will receive a class notebook and a colored canvas file to keep all classwork organized and neat. It is the students' responsibility to make sure all of their materials remain in the proper place. Notebooks and files will be checked periodically for completion. Curriculum and Educational Resources: In the EL program we will be working through a curriculum specifically designed for English Learners to connect language across content area subjects. We will also use online resources to support language learning.

- Bridges by Vista Learning
- IXL
- Readworks
- Writable
- NoRedInk
- A variety of short stories, poems, and informational texts will be studied
- Google Classroom will be used to make announcements, give reminders, and house important work in our class. Check it regularly! Join with this code: [s4gpucm](#)

**Grading:** Students will receive one credit for this course. Grades will be given for participation, completion of classwork, and special projects. All grades will be taken on a point system and projects will be graded on a rubric scale. Late work will be accepted, but will be deducted one letter grade for each day it is late.

\*All graded work will be turned in through an online platform, or placed in the turn-in container by the door.

**Friday Content Area Class Check-in:** Every Friday, I will give a portion of our class time to check-in with students about their progress in their content area classes. I desire to support students in succeeding in each of their classes this year and this allotted time will serve the purpose of making sure no student is falling behind in any subject. However, this time is a privilege and will be removed if students are not using it appropriately.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at my school email and I will respond as soon as possible. However, I only check and respond to emails within school hours.

I am looking forward to a successful and enjoyable year of English language learning!