

English I Syllabus

Course Overview: In English I, students will work to improve their reading, writing, and critical thinking skills. They will study the basic elements of grammar, writing, and vocabulary. In addition, students will read short stories, poetry, drama, and novels in world literature. They will plan, draft, and complete written compositions on a regular basis.

General Objectives: The students will be able to do the following:

Read, analyze, and comprehend a variety of literary texts (short stories, poetry, drama, novels)

Use vocabulary strategies to read fluently

Use correct capitalization, punctuation, and grammar to create written work that has a clear focus, detail, and coherence

Write for a variety of purposes and audiences

Course of Study:

Grammar

The eight parts of speech overview

The parts of a sentence (subjects, verbs, complements)

Phrases (prepositional, verbal, appositive)

Clauses (independent and subordinate)

Agreement (subject/verb, pronoun/antecedent)

Using pronouns correctly

Using verbs correctly

Using modifiers correctly

Common usage problems

Capitalization

Punctuation

Writing

Sentence fragments and run-ons

Writing effective sentences

Steps in the writing process

Paragraphs and compositions

Write the following types of essays: descriptive and reflective

Literature

Short Stories and Essays by varied writers

Poetry by varied writers

Drama: *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare

Novels: *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens

Good Old Boy by Willie Morris (Summer Reading)

Animal Farm by George Orwell (Summer Reading)