

Course Outline/Guidelines
English Learning Center (ELC)
Ms. Dove, Room 005

Hello, and welcome to the English Learning Center. The main goal of this course is to strengthen your English Language Arts skills. Together, we will work on various strategies and techniques in order to help you become a better reader and writer. We will review and practice the skills that are already being taught in your regular English class. In addition, this course will prepare you for the New York State ELA Exam scheduled this spring.

Standard Requirements:

Folder: Please bring in one double-pocket folder that will carry all supplementary materials that will be supplied throughout the school year.

Notebooks: Periodically, you will be asked to bring in the two marble notebooks that serve as your reader's and writer's notebooks from your regular English class.

Reading Materials: Periodically, you will be asked to bring in your assigned book club book and/or your independent reading book from your regular English class.

Writing Utensils: Please bring in multiple pencils, erasers, blue/black pens, red pens, and highlighters to be used throughout the school year.

iPad: Please bring your school-issued iPad to class each day, unless otherwise instructed.

Classroom Procedures:

1. Arrive at class and be seated and ready to work by the time the second bell rings.
2. Come prepared to each class with your iPad, folder, marble notebooks, reading materials, writing materials, etc.
3. Homework should be completed every night that it is assigned. Negligence in this matter will result in a lower course grade.

4. Students are responsible to make up any work missed due to an absence from class. You will have a one-day grace period to make up assignments missed do to an absence, then they will be considered late. You will be penalized for any late work.

5. All exams, quizzes, and other important assignments must be signed by a parent and returned to school. You have two days to show this signature to your teacher.

Grades:

Your quarter grade and final average will be calculated based upon the following considerations:

- Classroom preparedness
- Classroom participation
- Completion of classroom assignments
- Completion of homework assignments
- Test and Quiz Grades

Academic Honesty:

Copying someone else's homework, discussing an exam that you have yet to take with someone who already has, plagiarizing (copying) text from someone else's work or the Internet, glancing at a friend's test to compare answers, or any other corner-cutting act of dishonestly is a serious offense and will not be tolerated. In accordance with school policy, you will not receive credit for any assessment completed in a dishonest manner.

Test, Help, and Review Information:

Assignments can be stressful, but don't worry. We will have review sheets and study sessions before exams. The designated testing day for English is **Tuesday**. Extra help will be offered in the morning, during lunch period, and after school by appointment. All homework assignments, upcoming tests, quizzes, projects, and other important dates will be posted on the team website. The direct address for the team website is <http://northmiddleswis1.weebly.com>. The website is updated weekly and is a great resource for both students and parents. I can also be reached via e-mail: mdove@greatneck.k12.ny.us. If you need any further assistance, please don't hesitate to ask. I look forward to a wonderful year of reading and writing with all of you.

Student Signature

Parent Signature