



PATTISON HIGH SCHOOL

We don't teach a class, we teach individual students in a class

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WELCOME!

AR Grammar 1 & 2, at Pattison High School offers **YOU**/students instruction in the foundations of English language conventions. We will study types and usage of words, sentence structure and paragraph writing, using a wide variety of subject matter and written resources to help stimulate learning Grammar in a more interesting, experiential way.

Specifically, learners will practice using different verb tenses in their correct forms. As writing is key in other subjects, this foundation in Grammar will allow students to succeed in their other academic classes and proceed to higher levels of ability in Grammar, Reading and Writing.

Students should expect that there will be **homework most evenings and a quiz or test approximately once per week, to check your progress.**

You will learn, practice and apply all these skills in each class:

- speaking and listening
- writing and reading
- discussion, class activities and paired/group work
- giving your opinion and being creative
- expanding your vocabulary and both formal and casual expressions of everyday life

Materials

Here's a checklist of items you need to bring to **AR Grammar 1 & 2** classes:

- ✓ lined paper
- ✓ a binder with dividers
- ✓ blue/black pens, red pens & a variety of coloured highlighters
- ✓ an English-to-English dictionary or an electronic dictionary and your cell phone

All other activity sheets and reading materials will be photocopied for you.

Expectations

1. Attend each class and be on time. If you are more than 15 minutes late or leave the class for 15 minutes before the end of class, this is considered an absence.
2. Please notify me in advance if you must be absent.
3. If you are sick, you **must** provide a note signed by your *parent/guardian*. If you are absent on a test or presentation day, you **must** provide a *doctor's note*. **<If you do not have this note, you will receive a ZERO on the test/presentation/assignment.>**
4. Talk to another student for missed notes or come see me before class the next day, for any handouts you may have missed.
5. Speak **only** *English* in class and in the school – this helps you learn faster and will improve your chances of success. Only use your first language if you are helping to translate a word or instructions to students who may need assistance - when the teacher asks you.
6. ***Cheating will not be tolerated*** and copying other student's answers or plagiarizing will result in serious consequences. You will receive a ZERO and your parent/guardian will be notified.

Classroom Conduct

- Always be respectful toward your classmates and others in PHS.
- Study & work hard – you'll see results!
- Try to help others who may be struggling.
- Always participate!

What is "Participation"?

Show your **BEST** effort. Be respectful. Be prepared and on time and submit your assignments on the due date. Express yourself in class discussions. Work well on your own and try to work well with others. Writing also involves communication with others in class. Ask for help when you need it and don't be afraid to ask questions. **Questions are good!** Have an open mind to new ideas and unique topics for discussion. Have a **good attitude!**

NOTE:

Changes in level *may* occur mid-term, depending on individual student understanding and progress. For example, if a Level 1 student is achieving high marks in the first part of the semester and does well on the Mid-Term Test, he/she will spend the second half of the term as a Level 2 student. Passing Level 1 ensures that a student is ready for Level 2, but does **NOT** necessarily mean he/she has the skills to move on from **AR Grammar 1 & 2**.

<Students need to achieve a passing grade on a Level 2 Final Exam in order to move into a Level 3 Grammar class the following semester.>

Course Evaluation

30% - Tests, quizzes & class work

25% - Projects & assignments

5% - Class participation & effort

10% - Homework

15% - Midterm

15% - Final

Need more help? SURE!

Talk to your classmates, ask **LOTS** of questions in class and/or come see me after school. Remember, it's always better to ask questions early than wait until the last minute. ***I'm always happy to help!***