



**PATTISON HIGH SCHOOL**  
*We don't teach a class, we teach individual students in a class*

## Academic Readiness 3 and 4 Writing and Grammar

Mr. Burke

Period 1

Classroom 113

Fall 2019

In this class, students will focus on writing and grammar, using the building blocks of language to form words and complex sentences, learn about how to structure types of essays, as well as story composition.

Students will learn how to express their thoughts, creativity and imagination through English language writing. The skills and knowledge learned and used in this class will directly prepare them for their success in English language arts and the high school curriculum.

Although guided by attentive teacher strategies and motivation, ultimately, students will know that they are responsible for their own learning and their own successes. Grammar points will be developed, practiced and then used in writing assignments including:

A review of all 12 English tenses

Adjectives that describe, character, emotion and work skills

Comparatives and Superlatives

Adverbs of manner, frequency, time and place

Conditionals (zero, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Mixed)

Modals (Advice, Ability, Suggestion, Deduction, Permission)

Used to vs. Would

Reported Speech

Students will be evaluated on a series of tests and quizzes designed to determine their understanding of the various grammar points *form and meaning*. A further important evaluation component will be the various writing assignments designed for the students to use the grammar to complete longer writing assignments and compositions.

## Assessment Scheme

Quizzes	10%
Midterm	10%
Final Exam	20%
Assignments	60%
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Total	100

## **Expectations of students:**

### **Academic**

In this class, students will be expected to:

1. Keep their personalized dictionaries up to date, neatly organized.
2. Be prepared to share their knowledge of word meanings and spelling of word lists presented in class.
3. Complete all assigned homework.  
Homework will be checked daily to ensure completion. Students will be notified if their homework completion is not up to the required passing standards for this course. Non-completion will receive a '0' score for that day.
4. Complete a test every two weeks based on that section's material. Should a student miss a test, at the discretion of the teacher, the student will receive '0' for non-completion.
5. Respond to questions in classroom discussions.
6. Complete in class assignments which will be monitored closely by the teacher and randomly collected for grading.

### **Non-academic**

In this class, students will be expected to:

1. Attend each class daily.
2. Be prompt for class.
3. Participate in class discussions.
4. Pay attention to teacher led and student involved activities.
5. Take notes of classroom teachings.
6. Keep organized binders and notes of all materials and class notes.
7. Bring their personalized vocabulary dictionaries to each class.
8. Respect all within the classroom, including the teacher and fellow students.
9. Follow the class rules.