



## **Academic Readiness English 9/10 Support**

Mr. Burke

Period 3

Classroom 113

Fall 2019

In this class, students will focus on all four essential language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) in order to properly prepare for full time entry to Grade 9 and 10 programs as well as those already in Grade 9 and 10 classes. The topics covered in this class will help to support students to better handle the language aspects encountered in all classes at the school, whether it be in sciences and math or art and language programs. All course subjects require students to have the necessary English language background in order to fully grasp and achieve passing grades. This course is designed to give students the necessary English skills to accomplish this. Major components of this 'support' class are: reading and vocabulary building, comprehension, reading in context, general understanding through increased vocabulary, grammar structures, idioms and story development - as well as many grammar points of interest. A wide variety of texts will be studied including: literary stories, subject specific readings (science, social studies, and mathematics), newspaper articles, and novel studies. Although guided by attentive teacher strategies and motivation, ultimately, students will know that they are responsible for their own learning and their own successes.

Students will read independently; however, follow-up discussions and in-depth understanding of the texts will be conducted in groups, with partners, as well as in whole

class discussions in order to incorporate all four English skills. Tracking of student progress will be monitored in the class.

Evaluation will be conducted through various homework assignments, solo and group projects, and quizzes.

### Assessment Scheme

Quizzes	20 %
Midterm	10%
Final Exam	20%
Assignments and Group work	50%
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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, they 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.