

## ELL Reading and Writing Low Intermediate

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The goals of ELL Reading and Writing L.I are to give students a foundation from which to have further success in secondary language arts studies. Our class is comprised of reading, writing and interpersonal communications as well as necessary grammar skills. Students will read articles and short stories and learn basic essay structures as well several writing tasks. Our class is also aimed to do intensive vocabulary development through vocabulary quizzes which seek to make learning vocabulary fun and help students develop studying tactics. Our class will provide ample pair and small group work so students develop the necessary fluency skills around the acquirement of basic reading and writing skills.

Although this course focuses on Reading and Writing, the goal is to improve the student's overall English language proficiency. In order to this we will use all four English skills.

Productive Skills (**Speaking and Writing**)

Receptive Skills (**Listening and Reading**)

We also cover various **English grammar points**, activities designed to expand your **English vocabulary as well as pronunciation**. We will read articles and short stories and do specific writing activities too. It is hoped that the material covered in this course will be helpful in not only improving your overall English level but will assist you in other classes you are taking at Pattison High school.

In class: **Use only English**

No headphones or earbuds ever, they are not allowed class and NO SMARTPHONES

You may be allowed a tablet or laptop to use it for research but not until I allow you to do so.

Water is allowed and other drinks but you can leave class or be late to get a drink.

**NO SLEEPING!**

(I never allow this and will politely wake any sleepers up!)

Assessment will include:

4 quizzes

A midterm

A final exam.

You will also be assessed on homework assignments including writing assignments as well as reading and comprehension questions.

It is recommended that students participate to the highest degree possible. As this is a language class it is important to **speak only English** as a means to practice and accelerate learning outcomes.