

English Language Development (ELD) Level 2 Course Syllabus

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Office Hours: Monday Lunch
Tuesday 2:35-3:15
Thursday Lunch
Everyday 8:00-8:10, 3:10-3:15

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course aims to develop students' academic English in all language domains: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. We will focus especially on strengthening the types of language skills students use to succeed in all their courses, the same skills they will need after high school to succeed in college and career.

EXPECTATIONS:

- Show respect to other students.
- Show respect to the teacher.
- Follow directions.
- Come to class prepared and on time.
- Be an active participant in your own learning.

PROBLEMS:

Good communication between students, parents, and myself is the key to preventing and dealing with any problems that arise in class. I will always try to be clear with students about my expectations, and I will always try to keep parents in the loop about any problems in class.

IMPORTANT POLICIES:

1. **Tardy students:** A student not in his or her desk when the late bell rings is tardy. This includes the second period of ELD, where students are released for 10 minutes but return to the same class.
2. **Bathroom policy:** Students may not use the restroom in the first 20 minutes or last 10 minutes of a class period. Within this time limit, students may use the restroom twice per quarter "for free." Each additional restroom use will require the student to "pay" 5 minutes outside class time.

3. **Electronic devices:** Cell phones are an important translation tool in ELD. Here are the guidelines:
 - Phones should be used above the table, not hidden below the table.
 - When not in use, phones should be put face down on the table.
 - Phones should be used to translate small pieces of language: 1-2 words. Do not translate entire sentences.
 - Students using their phones for non-class purposes will be warned. If it continues, phones may be confiscated or even given to the office for the parent to pick up.

4. **Food and drink:** Students may eat in class provided it does not interfere with the lesson. *Students making a mess will lose this privilege for their entire class.*

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Students must bring the following to class each day:

- Pencil or pen (black or blue ink ONLY)
- A notebook for **just** ELD.

Parents/Guardians:

The goal of my class is student success. I look forward to working with you to help your student be successful in my class and at SLHS in general. **Please feel free to contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns;** I always welcome parent/guardian involvement. I prefer email, since it allows me to respond most quickly, but mostly I just want to hear from you!

If possible, please plan on attending the upcoming **SLHS Back to School Night on Thursday, September 27th.**

Acceptance of Policies and Signature

Student Name: _____ Period: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents—what is the best way to contact you?

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____