



Merit ELA 9/10 Syllabus Grand Haven High School



Course Number: S21

Grade Level: 9th and 10th

Credits : 1.0

Prerequisite Courses : none

Course Description

This special education course focuses on the areas of reading, writing, and speaking. Students will learn various strategies to enhance their skills in each of these areas. This course is only for students with an IEP on a PC.

Course Objectives

Students will learn strategies to improve reading comprehension and written expression. Students will also learn and use the writing process.

Student Expectations

A positive attitude will bring positive results, and all students and staff are expected to do their personal best in class daily. Respect for yourself, others, and the environment around you will also be expected from everyone in the classroom. If student's behavior is disrespectful or disruptive, discipline actions will follow.

All daily assignments are due the following day. Late work will be accepted but will only receive partial credit. All assignments must be turned in at least 3 days prior to the start of our final writing project.

Every minute in class is valuable to everyone's education and success, and therefore it's very important students come to class prepared every day. Students are expected to bring their independent reading book, a pencil, a pen, and a notebook or folder with them everyday

Additional support is sometimes needed to make yourself successful. If you are having difficulty in class, please don't hesitate to ask for extra help. I am more than willing to help you as much as I can. Extra help can be arranged before school, after school, and during lunch.

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Communication

Students and parents are encouraged to communicate with the teacher with questions or concerns. Teacher contact information can be found on the ghaps.org website. Parent Internet Viewer can be used to monitor current grades.

Grading Policy

Your grade will be determined by your performance on daily class assignments, workshop meetings, quizzes and a final writing project. The standard grading scale will be used and can be found online in the Grand Haven High School Student Handbook. Grades will also be categorized and weighted. The categories and weights are as follows:

Quizzes, Tests, Major Written Assignments and Writer's Notebook- 60%
In-Class Work and Homework - 40%

Scope and Sequence

A variety of texts will be used to teach reading, writing and speaking strategies including at least one novel or informational text, and student choice selections. Students will complete at least one essay per semester to reflect understanding of the presented text. The final exam will be a final written project.

- Independent Reading
- Informational Reading
- Novel Studies
- Writer's Notebook
- Personal Narrative
- Argument Writing

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