

SYLLABUS FOR THE ENGLISH FUNDAMENTALS CLASS

The English Fundamentals class incorporates the LANGUAGE! Comprehensive Literacy Curriculum. It has been developed for intermediate, middle and high school students. This curriculum provides them with the opportunity to master the literacy skills needed to succeed in classroom instruction at their grade levels.

Spelling mastery is achieved through systematic and cumulative instruction in the sound-spelling correspondences and high frequency words in English. Improved spelling allows better communication as writers.

Vocabulary proficiency is expanded through explicit instruction in the use of multiple meanings, word relationships, contextual analysis, and morphology. Vocabulary is the key to comprehension.

Systematic instruction in grammar content and skills contributes to improved comprehension and application of spoken and written language.

Reading mastery is achieved through intensive instruction from skills to application in sound-spelling correspondences, high frequency vocabulary, comprehensive strategies, and fluency.

Carefully designed lessons integrate content and skills from spelling, grammar, and text structure analysis to produce increasingly complex written material.

Abundant listening and speaking opportunities provide the vehicle to increased spoken language proficiency.

An emphasis on informational text provides a focus on the vocabulary and text structure that translates to understanding content subject areas.