South Texas ISD Virtual Academy
Course Syllabus

Course: 6th Grade English Language Arts
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Course Description

This course equips students with the essential language arts skills needed throughout their academic careers. Students read and analyze a variety of texts. Instruction and reading strategies accompany reading selections to help engage students and sharpen their comprehension. Students express their ideas and knowledge using standard (formal) English in written and oral assignments. The course includes discussion activities that engage students in the curriculum while creating a sense of community.

Virtual Learning Expectations

Students are expected to:

- Participate in all class discussions and activities in a positive and respectful manner.
- Use time and technology appropriately. (Adhere to South Texas ISD Acceptable Use Policies when Using Networks)
- Be productive.
- Be prepared and punctual.

Attendance Policy for Virtual Students

The following components of the virtual academy's attendance policy were established in efforts to provide the best learning outcomes from students learning remotely this school year. In order to receive credit, students must have 90% attendance in synchronous class sessions. In addition, to be present, students must: have their device's camera on at all times, participate actively in discussions/activities, and be in the camera's frame throughout the entire class period.

COURSE POLICIES

Supply List

- Technology and supplies provided by South Texas ISD
- 1 composition notebook/spiral
- Pens/pencils

Stride K12

- Use the login credentials sent to you by Stride k12.
- Students will use Stride to access:
    - Newrow synchronous class sessions

- Grades will **not** be finalized through Google Classroom. **Grades are finalized and posted through Infinite Campus. Students/parents must monitor grades/missing assignments through Infinite Campus.**

Google Classroom

- Students will use Google Classroom to:
  - Submit synchronous and asynchronous course work (assignments, discussions, class activities etc.) complete and on time
  - Monitor course announcements/updates
  - Monitor complete, incomplete, or missing assignments

Due Dates & Late Work

It is the student's responsibility to turn in all online work before the designated due date. A 10 point deduction will be made from the student's grade for each day work is turned in passed the due date. Any work turned in after the unit deadline will be graded at the discretion of the teacher. Students absent when work is due shall be given one school day for each day of excused absence to make up missing assignments. It is the responsibility of the student to contact their teacher upon returning to school and schedule any quiz or exam they may have missed while absent. **Grades are finalized and posted through Infinite Campus. Students/parents must monitor grades/missing assignments through Infinite Campus along with Google Classroom.** Students must communicate with their teacher regarding meeting during tutorial/asynchronous times to work on assignments/missing work. The scheduled time is at the discretion of the teacher. Make up work extensions will be at the discretion of the teacher. If you do not understand an assignment or the material, please ask so that I can clarify the matter. Also, email me if you have a question or contact me via Remind.

Grading Procedures & Weights:

Nine Weeks Average: (determined by administration)

- Assessments- (40%)
- Daily work- (60%)
  - Homework
  - Class work
  - Participation

Semester Average:

Average of two quarter grades: (75%)
Semester Exam: (25%)

Technical Support:

Students are advised to contact Stride K12 for any technical issues regarding their program. If the technology issue pertains to technology provided by South Texas ISD, the student should contact one of their virtual teachers by email, Remind, etc. If the student comes across WiFi connection issues, they should contact their service provider. Students must stay in contact with

their virtual teachers if any issues with technology arise that interfere with their ability to log onto synchronous sessions.

Retesting Procedures:

Students are expected to communicate with their teacher regarding late work, missing work, and retesting. The time and date to retest/meet for virtual tutorials will be determined by the teacher. A retest may raise the score to a maximum grade of **70. Quarter Exams and Semester Exams do not qualify for retesting.**

Remind

Please follow the directions below to receive text message reminders about assignments, due dates, exams etc. (***Note***- Reminds will **not** be sent for *every* assignment.) **Parents**- to get text message reminders for 6th Grade English Language Arts, download the Remind app and use code **@elaboffpar** or text the message @elaboffpar to the number 81010. **Students-** follow the same instructions as parents but use the specific code for your class period:

1A/1B- @boffill1ab
2A/2B- @boffill2ab
3A/3B- @boffill3ab
4A/4B- @boffill4ab

***Please digitally sign and return this document by completing the following form: https://forms.gle/rwAxu1Epy9xv3kzG6**

***Course syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.**
Your child is responsible for keeping the syllabus in a safe place for reference.
You are also welcomed to retain a copy for your records.