

High School Developmental Language 2023-2024
The City of Hialeah Educational Academy (COHEA)

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Introduction

Welcome to your High School Developmental Language Arts Class for 9th and 10th grade. I'm excited to start this school year and I hope you are as well. This year we will be focusing on becoming better readers along with improving reading comprehension. I will try my best to help you through any challenges you face in this. I look forward to working with you and your parents throughout this school year.

Course Objectives

Developmental Language Arts is designed to aid students in developing and applying active reading strategies to be successful in reading. This class aims to prepare students for Florida Assessments and helps students master achievements emphasized by the FAST Standards. Students will be involved in differentiated and data-driven instruction that will focus on:

Literature:

- Story Details, Summarize, and Point of View
- Analyzing Elements of Fiction
- Understanding Poetry and Drama
- Identifying Comparisons/Contrast

Informational Text:

- Main Idea, Supporting Details, and Summary
- Relationship between events
- Inferencing
- vocabulary
- Text Structures
- Comparison and Contrast

Writing:

- Evaluating evidence
- Expository essays
- Developing claims and arguments for argumentative essays

Required Supplies:

The teacher may request additional supplies for specific projects throughout the school year.

- Organizational Strategy (Folder or Binder, USB Flash drive or Google Drive files)
- #2 pencil
- Black or blue pen
- Red pen
- Four Highlighters (different colors)
- Laptop or Tablet (*cellular devices not allowed for Google Classroom assignments*).

Additionally, the following are **REQUIRED** throughout the entire school year:

- Course Textbook/ Readings (Performance/ Instructional Coach)
- Any required novels. Please note that novels are subject to change; therefore, students should wait to purchase until instructed to do so.
- Access to the internet to utilize required sites, and an active email address (it will be the student's responsibility to remember their usernames and passwords)
- Accounts of the different websites needed for the course. (*Google Classroom, Remind, NoRedInk, etc*).

Additional Recommended Supplies:

- Post-It Notes
- Color Pencils
- Markers (variety of colors)
- Black Permanent Marker
- Lined Paper

Home Learning

See Google Classroom for reminders, but it is the student's responsibility to pay attention in class and know what is due, no late work will be accepted.

Student Evaluation

Grades are based on the Miami-Dade County Grading Scale.

GRADING SCALE:

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|--------------|--------|--------------------|
| 90 - 100 = A | 4 pts. | 3.5 - 4.0 average |
| 80 - 89 = B | 3 pts. | 2.5 - 3.49 average |
| 70 - 79 = C | 2 pts. | 1.5 - 2.49 average |
| 60 - 69 = D | 1 pt. | 1.0 - 1.49 average |
| Below 59 = F | 0 pts. | Below 1.0 average |

Students are evaluated based on the criteria below:

- Major Assessments/Tests: 30%
- Minor Assessments/Quizzes: 25%
- Projects/Essays/Cooperative Presentations: 20%
- Classwork: 20%
- Homework: 5%

Class Rules

Bulldogs are ...

- prepared and on time.
- respectful of themselves, others, and the classroom.
- responsible in speech and action.
- hard workers and stay on-task.
- self-sufficient and follow instructions the first time.
- kind.

COHEA's Leadership Foundation

Honor: We will always...

- tell the truth.
- do the right thing.
- be team players.
- take responsibility for our actions.
- be hard working.
- be proactive, not reactive.

Respect: We will always ...

- respect the rights of others to learn.
- show respect for ourselves, our school, and others.
- conduct ourselves in a courteous and appropriate manner.

- be compassionate towards all members of the Bulldog Nation.
- Be considerate of others' opinions.

Loyalty: We will always ...

- care for others to build trust.
- help others reach their potential.
- steer clear of gossip.
- strive to be consistent and reliable.
- stay true to our words.
- be humble.

Classroom Obligations

Policies:

- Be in your seat and ready to work when the bell rings.
- Bring all necessary materials to class.
- Respect and be polite to all peers, teachers, and staff.
- Listen quietly while others are talking.
- All cellular devices must be turned off (or on silent) and placed in the cellphone pocket chart.
- No food or drink in class, unless approved by the teacher.
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Behavioral Procedures:

All students are expected to adhere by the school policies and classroom rules. All students should follow directions, as provided by the classroom teacher. In the case that the student goes against classroom rules or school policies, the following procedure will be followed:

- First Warning: Verbal Warning
- Second Warning: HERO System
- Third Warning: Parent/Caregiver Contact
- Fourth Warning: Administrator Referral

The Teacher is subject to bypass any of the following steps based on the severity of the behavior.

Late Work

Per the school policy, late work resulting from Excused Absences will be accepted within the acceptable time frame. Work will not be accepted beyond the acceptable time frame of 3 academic school days. I reserve the right to input a "Z" in the grade book if the student does not attempt to make up the assignment.

Plagiarism

No form of plagiarism, copying of work, or cheating will be tolerated. All assignments must be original work currently produced by the student. If there is evidence of cheating, both parties are considered at fault and will receive a detention, a parent phone call, and reduced or no credit. Plagiarism will be dealt with similarly. Repeated offenses will result in a referral to the Dean of Discipline and guidance. Most assignments will be submitted via through Google Classroom.

Attendance:

- Attendance is necessary to successfully pass the class.

Make-Ups:

- Late work will not be accepted unless authorized by the teacher. If work is not turned in on the day it is due the student will receive a **Z** for that assignment.
- If the teacher authorized the student to turn in work late, the grade received will be **no higher than a B** on the assignment if turned in on the authorized due date. If the student does not turn in work on the authorized due date, the grade will remain a **Z** for that assignment.
- If the student has an excused absence, it is their responsibility to find out what work was missed from a peer or from the teacher. The student will then have the next class to complete the work.

Cheating:

Cheating is completely UNACCEPTABLE if a student is caught cheating, they will receive a **Z**, a call home will be made, and administration will be notified. P

Plagiarism is considered cheating, if caught the cheating procedures will apply.