

Pre-I.B. English I

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“How rare and beautiful it is that we exist. What if we stun existence one more time?” (Ayisha Siddiq).

Course Overview:

Welcome to Pre-I.B. English I! This course is designed to build upon previous language arts instruction and prepare students for the academic rigor they will encounter during the I.B. Diploma program. Using integrated language arts study, students will hone their reading, writing, critical analysis, and communication skills. Coursework includes classwork, projects, quizzes, and summative assessments (tests/papers). Additionally, per SDOC instruction, students must complete a minimum 30 minutes per week of SAT test preparation on Khan Academy.

Tips for Success:

- First priority: Your health and well-being. Taking care of your health and well-being is essential as both a human and a student. Please remember to:
 - Stay hydrated.
 - Get at least 7-9 hours of sleep each night.
 - Manage stress with strategies that work for you (ex: stretching, journaling, etc)
 - Ask for help when you need it.
- Keep track of upcoming deadlines.
- Come to class with a positive attitude and readiness to participate. All voices are welcomed in our classroom. Myself and your peers want to hear what you have to share.

Supplies:

Please contact Ms. Politano via email if you need assistance with supplies.

- College ruled notebook
- Pencils

Personal Devices, Electronics, and Cellphones:

Aligning with district policy, usage of personal electronic devices and cell phones is not permitted unless authorized by Ms. Politano. In order to maintain an engaged classroom environment, students must power off personal devices and store them in their backpacks.

Academic Integrity:

All students must produce original work that accurately represents their abilities in order to preserve the learning process. In accordance with SDOC's Code of Student Conduct, as well as I.B. policy, students must not deliberately or inadvertently cheat or plagiarize. This includes, **but is not limited to:** copying work from the internet or another student, allowing another student to copy *your* work, using artificial intelligence to generate responses/solve problems, failing to cite sources, and incorrectly citing sources.

Absences and Late Work:

In accordance with school board policy, students will have two days per every excused absence to complete makeup work. An absence is considered "excused" when proper documentation is provided to the front office.

All other late work falls under the following policy: Students are expected to submit work with the corresponding due date listed in Canvas. If students need extra time, they can request an extension via email or in person.

Khan Academy Requirements:

Students are required to complete a minimum of 30 minutes per week of Khan Academy SAT test preparation. This requirement is a minimum from the district and will count towards participation. During the first week of class, directions will be given for signing up for Khan Academy. Students will be required to use their username@students.osceolaschools.net email when signing up for Khan Academy.

Grade Distribution:

- A = 90-100%
- B = 80-89%
- C = 70-79%
- D = 60-69%
- F = 50-59%

Grade Configuration:

- Classwork 40%
- Participation 15%
- Quizzes 20%
- Projects and Tests 25%