

AIS Writing Workshop
Miss Lazewski- Room 319

Purpose: The purpose for this course is to help the students experiencing difficulties with basic writing skills. The goal of this course is to raise the students' writing competencies to levels that will help them successfully pass the English Language Arts (ELA) Comprehensive Regents Exam. It is also designed to help students improve their writing skills in their English classes.

The goal of this class is to come out of it being a better writer than when you entered!

Required Supplies: You need to have a PLENTY of loose leaf paper. I will provide you with writing portfolios (folders). You will need something to write with (pens/pencils), a red pen or pencil (for editing), and a highlighter (for exam tasks).

Content: Because this is a writing workshop, you will be working at your own pace. I am going to try and help you with time management. You will be receiving packets that practice various types of writing and ELA exam tasks. You will be assigned a due date. For most of the packets, you will have two weeks or five class periods to complete the work. What you choose to do with your class time is up to you; however, the work that is assigned is due on its due date. You will also complete a writing contest or two. Our textbook can be used at anytime with the packets. The textbook goes into further detail on each type of writing. Each grade level has a textbook for your reference. We may also do some activities out of the textbook from time to time.

Grading: This is a non-credit class. All I ask is that you TRY and complete the work that is assigned to you. A grade of satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (U) will appear on your report card. Please keep in mind that you were placed in this class for a reason, and I have no power to remove you from the class. If you are concerned, or feel that you really don't belong here, please talk to your counselor.

Attendance: You are expected to attend class. Every scheduled day is important. Excessive absenteeism slows progress or, perhaps, will yield an unsatisfactory grade. Please be sure that you are in your seats when the bell rings. I will dismiss you when the bell rings. I will be keeping a record of times tardy or if a student skips. If a student skips class or is truant from school, a grade of ZERO/unsatisfactory is given for the work done during that class. Please refer to the student handbook for procedures on this policy.

Homework: Homework is not assigned because this class is in addition to your regular English class. However, if it is warranted, I will assign it!

Conferences: I can meet with individual students during the class time to discuss individual progress and problems. If at any time you need help, please don't hesitate to ask me.

I look forward to having a great semester with you!

Miss Lazewski

PS- You can visit my Teacher Page on the school's website! ☺