

## Welcome to English as a New Language (ENL) Standalone Class (Grades 7-8)

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**Virtual Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 10:05-11:10am

Wednesday: 9:30-11:30am

**Office Hours Zoom Link:**

<https://rcsdk12.zoom.us/j/94481585875?pwd=bWx1YWpQTjZKbEc3WkQ3Q2JWZWZMdz09>

**Google Classroom Link:** A/C days-

<https://classroom.google.com/u/0/c/MTYyOTUxNDA1ODQ5>

B/D days- <https://classroom.google.com/u/0/c/MTYyOTUxNDA1Nzc4>

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**Course Objectives:** The 7/8 ENL standalone class focuses on acquiring and developing communicative and academic English language skills. Through daily listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities in the English language, students are supported so as to be able to meet with success in a middle school setting. ELL students will also learn cultural and linguistic concepts necessary for functioning at SOTA, the local Rochester community and American society in order to become effective, multilingual, global citizens.

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### **Important Dates:**

- Curriculum Night: 9/23 (6-8pm)
  - Parent/Teacher Conferences: 10/15, 12/9. 3/4, 4/28
  - ENL Parent Night: To Be Determined
  - Marking Period (MP) Dates:
    - MP 1: 9/14/2020- 11/13/2020
    - MP 2: 11/14/2020- 1/29/2021
    - MP 3: 1/30/2021- 4/16/2021
    - MP 4: 4/17/2021- 6/24/2021
  - NYSESLAT: April 2021
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### **Materials needed for this class:**

- Chromebook/other technology
- Internet connectivity
- Pens, pencils, highlighter
- Notebook to be used during ENL Zoom classes

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**Grading:**

- Assessments: 70% (daily writing assignments and language-based activities)
  - Class Participation: 15%
  - Wednesday Homework: 15%
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**Class Expectations during Remote Learning:** Students will be expected to be engaged, respectful to each other, and responsible for their behavior during class time. Students will get on the ENL Standalone Zoom link on Google Classroom for class every day. Daily assignments and class resources will be posted on the ENL Google Classroom site. Students are expected to attend class through Zoom on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

- **Wednesday Expectations for Asynchronous Learning:** Students will be given an assignment which will be due that day. The assignments will focus on the reading comprehension, vocabulary, and writing. **Students must submit their work as it counts for their attendance for the day.**
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**Attendance and Late Assignment Policy:** Attendance will be taken daily. Students should be on time to avoid being marked late to class. Students are responsible to see the teacher to make up time and to get any missing work through Google Classroom.

- Please expect to spend time outside of class during a teacher's office hours to stay on track after an absence.
  - Students have 5 class days from the date of an absence to submit work.
  - Late work will not be accepted after the 5th day it was assigned.
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**Parent Portal Link:** Parent can gain access to child's grades by signing up to the Parent Portal app. The following link provide information on how to sign-up and login:

<https://www.rcsdk12.org/parentportal>

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**Social and Emotional Concerns:** In these unique circumstances, this is a new experience for all of us. Change is difficult, but we will get through this together. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions and/or concerns. **An interpreter will be provided, if needed.**

