

# Essential Writing 1



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## **Course Description:**

In Essential Writing 1, students will develop their core writing skills. Basic grammar concepts and sentence writing mechanics will be taught using University of Kansas SIM Sentence Writing Strategy. Students will also participate in activities designed to help develop the language skills needed to become a proficient writer.

## **Major class components include:**

1. Daily Writing Warm-ups
2. Kansas Writing Strategies
3. Technical Writing Practice (Emails, Letters, Resumes etc.)

## **Materials Needed:**

Notebook

Folder

Pen/Pencil

## **Expectations:**

In order to make this course a successful learning experience for all students, certain behaviors are expected. Students will be respectful of their classmates, teacher, and classroom itself. Each student should come prepared for class with the appropriate materials and should plan on being an active participant in class activities. All in-class assignments and homework should be completed and turned-in to ensure growth and learning.

## **Absences/ Late Work/Extra Credit:**

It will be your responsibility to talk to me after an absence. If you know you will absent in advance, speak with me to get makeup work early.

**Teacher Communication, Availability, and Extra Help:**

I check my e-mail and phone messages daily, though e-mail is my preferred form of contact. If you are having difficulty in class or would like extra help, I am available for assistance after school on most days.

**Grading:**

Your grade in the class will be based on a number of factors: Assignment Completion, In-class participation, Independent Reading, Writing, and Test/Quiz scores. The Grade scale is as follows:

A 93-100%

A- 90-92%

B+ 87-89%

B 83-86%

B- 80-82%

C+ 77-79%

C 73-76%

C- 70-72%

D+ 67-69%

D 63-66%

D- 60-62%

**Tardies:**

Students who arrive after the bell has rung will be marked as tardy. After tardy #3, the student will get verbal warning. Tardy #4 will result in an attendance referral and 1 hour detention. Don't trade seconds for hours, arrive to class on time!

**Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices:**

These are not to be used during class time. They are allowed in the hallways at passing time and lunch. Please limit your use to those times. If I see them, you will get a warning. If I see them a second time, I will take them away.

**Plagiarism:**

If you cheat on an assignment, an "automatic zero" has been removed as a consequence for plagiarism. However you may still receive a zero if...

-You do not attempt to arrange an alternate assignment or assessment with the teacher.

-You do not complete the agreed upon assessment or assignment, or does not complete by an arranged deadline.

Cheating includes copying someone else's work, using notes (paper or electronic) on a closed book test, consulting with others during a test, turning in another's work as your own, or working in pairs or groups for individually graded assignments. If you are caught plagiarizing a second time, consequences will increase.

Parent Signature:

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Student Signature:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Printed Name:

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