

MONTE VISTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
ENGL 1261, ELL Listening & Speaking
Course Syllabus

This program is an intermediate level, comprehensive, one-year English program for freshmen and sophomore English language learners. ELL at MVCS consists of three complimentary classes: Listening and Speaking, Reading, and Grammar and Composition. These classes are designed to equip our international students with the English skills necessary to integrate into American culture and to succeed in mainstream coursework.

Course Description:

This course will assist the ELL student in their listening and speaking skills. Practice listening exercises will improve student's listening comprehension. Students will practice English speaking in this class on a daily basis, improving in overall pronunciation and diction.

Curricular Mapping:

The ELL program at MVCS helps students develop the specific skills needed in future high school English courses and beyond.

ELL Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of these three classes the student will be able to:

1. Prove understanding of level-appropriate texts through verbal and written response.
2. Read orally with proficiency and expressiveness.
3. Express their thoughts verbally in a comprehensible manner.
4. Adequately write an English essay.
5. Initiate and develop relationships with native English speakers.
6. Earn a score of 70 or higher on the TOEFL test.
7. Continue at MVCS in mainstream coursework.

Texts for ELL Listening & Speaking:

Course material will be provided by your instructor and available in the classroom.

Materials:

- Blue or black pen and lined theme paper
- Student's iPad – use only as instructed by teacher

Course Outline

Warm up activities daily build background in the language and culture: culture talk points, assorted vocabulary and word games; and various warm up activities

During the school year, 10 thematic and relevant Northstar units will motivate students to succeed in their academic and personal language goals. The class will pace through the Northstar text at a speed in which all students can succeed.

Students will have a weekly assignment to speak with a L1 student.

Grading:

<u>Gradebook Categories</u>		<u>Semester Weighted Grading Configuration</u>	
Speaking Tasks/Assign	35%	Quarter	50%
Listening Participation/Assign.	35%	Quarter	50%
Tests/Quizzes	20%		
Weekly Interaction with L1			
English Speakers	10%		

Explanation of Gradebook Categories:

35% of the grade is speaking tasks and assignments—This includes any assignments in the Northstar text as well as activities and assignments given by the teacher.

35% of the grade is listening participation and assignments-The student is expected to practice good listening skills and if a student is talking when they should be listening this grade is affected.

20% of the grade is tests –These will be Unit tests from the Northstar text to assess student improvement in listening and speaking. An oral speaking segment will be included.

10% of the grade is interaction with native English speakers – students will have a weekly assignment outside of class to complete where they must talk with a L1 English speaker.

High School Standard Grading Policy:

Please refer to the policy and procedures posted online in our Student Handbook.

Class Policies:

- Students write and share with the class a Class Pledge. All Class Pledges are joined together into one overall Class Pledge. They are expected to adhere to the Class Pledge.
- The teacher writes and shares with the class a Teacher Pledge. The teacher is expected to adhere to the Teacher Pledge.

- All students are expected to be on time to class with the needed materials.
- Electronic devices are NOT allowed in class except with express permission and instruction of the teacher. They can be confiscated by the teacher when used improperly.

School Policies and Expected Student Learning Results (ESLRs):

Students are subject to all academic policies of the school as found in the Parent-Student Handbook. Furthermore, it is each student's responsibility to read and follow all academic policies of Monte Vista Christian School. In addition to addressing each ESLR every year, we target a specific ESLR each academic year for particular focus.

Plagiarism and Cheating

Be aware that plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated and will result in receiving a zero on the corresponding assignment. Administrative action may also be taken. Students must write their work in their own words. Copying another person's homework and presenting it as your own is cheating. It will result in a zero for the copier as well as the one who allowed their homework to be copied.