

English Grammar and Usage Syllabus: Middle School

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Description:

English grammar is the body of rules that describe the structure of expressions in the English language. This includes the organization of words, phrases, clauses, and sentences into comprehensible written and spoken language.

This course is a systematic study of the structure of English language usage. The topics we will explore are:

- ⇒ Capitalization
- ⇒ Punctuation
- ⇒ Sentence types
- ⇒ Prepositions
- ⇒ Verbs
- ⇒ Nouns
- ⇒ Adjectives
- ⇒ Adverbs
- ⇒ Pronouns
- ⇒ Interjections
- ⇒ Conjunctions

- Just to name a few!

Goals:

The goal of grammar study is to help students succeed in oral and written communication.

To be more specific:

- ⇒ Students need obvious instruction that connects grammar rules with the larger scope of communication, both oral and written.
- ⇒ Students need to be linguistically competent. This is demonstrated by knowing how to use the grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of the English language while both writing and speaking.
- ⇒ Students need to develop strategic competence by knowing how to recognize and repair breakdowns in grammar, syntax, and vocabulary usage.

Requirements:

Student grades will be derived from the following:

- ⇒ Student binder - 10%
- ⇒ Daily assignments/class participation - 20%
- ⇒ Daily quizzes - 30%
- ⇒ Unit tests - 40%

Grading scale:

A	93% - 100%	C	74% - 83%
B	84% - 92%	D	68% - 73%