

Language Arts Lab

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Course Overview: This quarter course will focus on guiding the student to develop and improve skills of organization, planning, and writing in the narrative, descriptive, and expository mode. Students will work in class and in the computer lab on alternate days. Although this is a language arts lab, the emphasis is more on the process than the product. The students will continue to gain expertise in microcomputer skills, Word, the Internet, Writing Solution, and Power Point, as they apply to all language based coursework.

Philosophy: Language Arts Labs vary from traditional English classes in many ways. First of all, because most of the work is completed in the classroom, homework is only assigned if make-up work becomes necessary. Students will work at their own pace, but sometimes those who work very slowly may need to catch up at home. Effort is rewarded very highly for revision and proofreading, and most students' grades reflect this. The freshman course is designed to complement the writing in the English I classroom and prepare the student for the kinds of writing needed for school.

Grading Policy: Each student will receive a grade based on the total points achieved. Points will be awarded for each writing assignment, grammar activities, and lab performance, as well as for class readiness and participation.

Supplies: Computer disks (USB devices), portfolios, and loose-leaf paper are needed for all students. Students are expected to be prepared with pens and pencils at all times.

Attendance: Students are responsible for **ALL** work when they are absent. Because of the unique nature of this course, work usually needs to be made up in school.

Behavior: A mutual respect among all classroom members and for all technology in the lab is expected. Mocking or teasing of another student will not be tolerated. Students are:

- to be in their seat before the bell rings. Class will begin when the bell rings.
- to remain in their seat unless directed otherwise.
- to raise their hand to speak and be courteous while others are speaking.

Help: Students and parents should know that help is always available to any student who is experiencing difficulty.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone or email me at lalessandrini@shhslions.com . Thank you!