

## English Language Learners Syllabus

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Course description: This yearlong course of study is designed to provide a solid foundation for English Language Learners (ELL) with a focus on vocabulary, grammar, punctuation, English sentence structure, and clarity in both written and oral expression. Student texts will include a literature anthology and a writing stylus/reference book referred to as *Writers INC*. Students will be guided in organizing materials, notebooks and supplies and using all of these consistently and effectively. Use of the MPS Handbook as a recording device and reference source for homework, as well as short term and long term assignments, will be part of daily class work. Student owned laptops and translators will be permissible to aid all international students. PowerTeacher, an electronic grade book, as well as the teacher's homework website will become familiar tools used consistently to enhance time management, academic success, and to self-monitor progress. Students will have an introduction to literary genres, among them the short story, non-fiction, and literary speeches. Essential study skills such as outlining, the use of graphic organizers, summarizing and paraphrasing will be incorporated into class work. An important part of vocabulary development will be the study of Latin and Greek roots known as **Word Wizard**. These affixes will be useful in word building not only in English class but across the curriculum and will become the basis of vocabulary enrichment in subsequent years of study.

Term I August 26, 2011 – November 23, 2011

Term II November 29, 2011 – March 2, 2012

Term III March 6, 2012 – June 8, 2012

Texts: Probst and others, *Elements of Literature, 3<sup>rd</sup> course*  
Sebranek and others, *Writers INC*