

Grammar & Composition

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed for the student who needs extra help in mastering communication skills and fundamental principles of grammar and usage. The course focuses on teaching the composition concepts in the 6 + 1 Traits of Writing pioneered by the Northwest Regional Education Laboratories. Grammar is taught as a tool for improving communication rather than as a pure focus of study. Oral Communication and research skills are included. Although there is some literature study in the course, it is not the focus. The course emphasizes diagnosis of student writing needs and targeting individualized needs for improvement.

PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE LENGTH: Two semesters

REQUIRED TEXT: None

COURSE OUTLINE:

Semester 1

Diagnostic Assignment: This is used to assess student skills, and it will be used throughout the course to demonstrate improvement

- Introduction
- Six Trait Focus: Ideas
- Six Trait Focus: Organization
- Six Trait Focus: Sentence Fluency
- Six Trait Focus: Conventions

Semester 2

- Six Trait Focus: Voice
- Six Trait Focus: Word Choice
- Six Trait Focus: Presentation
- Introduction to Research
- Biography/Autobiography