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ELD Grade 9/ELD Grade 10

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Course Description: English Language Development (ELD) integrates English listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills with content knowledge. The course is designed to strengthen the English language academic skills of English learners (ELs).

Curriculum and Resources: This course will use a variety of district approved print and online media sources to facilitate the language acquisition and academic success of English language learners (ELLs).

Academic Goal: To improve student performance across content areas by improving comprehension and communication skills.

Materials: Students are expected to arrive to class daily with a pencil/pen and a spiral notebook (college ruled or wide ruled). Most assignments during Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 will be delivered through printed materials; so, pencils/pens are essential. **Once a student receives his or her school-issued laptop, he or she is expected to bring the laptop and the charger to class daily.** Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 will be delivered through print and online materials. Students are expected to know their login information for accessing Memphis-Shelby County Schools-approved networks, devices, email, applications, etc.

Time and Attendance: Students are expected to report to class daily and on time. All absences will be marked in PowerSchool as *unexcused* unless documented with a valid note (parental, medical, etc.). Students are expected to remain in class for the duration of the class period. If a student arrives to class solely for the purpose of being marked **Present** but then skips class thereafter (also known as class cutting) or does not return after lunch, then the student's attendance will be marked **Absent**.

Texts: Various district-approved texts and materials for newcomers (new English learners). Oxford Picture Dictionary and Workbook.

Conduct: Students are expected to communicate with classmates, teachers, and staff without the use of profanity and offensive language. Students should be sure to refrain from using profanity in any language – whether English, Spanish, etc. – in the presence of teachers and school administrators. Students are not allowed to remove any items, materials, or resources from the classroom. Students must seek permission from the teacher to borrow any items, materials, or resources.

Personal Electronic Devices (Cell Phones, Airpods, Earbuds): Overton High School prohibits the use of cell phones in the classroom for *personal* use. This includes taking selfies, group pictures, video recording for social media, etc. Students **do not** have permission to take pictures or video of the teacher and other students in the classroom for any purpose. Cell phones, however, may be used in the classroom for the sole purpose of translating text, dictionaries, and online academic platforms when permission is given by the teacher for instructional purposes. Refusal to comply with the cell phone policy will result in a disciplinary referral and a conference with a parent/guardian and a school administrator. You may also lose the privilege of using your cell phone in class for future instructional purposes. Likewise, students must remove Airpods and earbuds upon entering the classroom.

Grading Scale:

100-90 A

89-80 B

79-70 C

69-60 D

59-0 F

Conduct:

Excellent

Good

Satisfactory

Needs Improvement

Unsatisfactory