

Welcome to English Language Development (ELD)

Del Oro High School | Room 310

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Hello and Welcome! 🙌

I am so excited to have you in this class! This year is a new journey, and our goal is to grow stronger and more confident in our English skills together. This classroom is a safe space to practice, ask questions, and learn from each other. We will work as a team to achieve our goals. I am here to support you every step of the way, and you are my priority! Let's make this an unforgettable year!

Our Learning Goals

This year, we will focus on growing your English skills through real-world projects and daily practice. By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- 📖 **Expand Your Vocabulary:** Identify and use new academic words confidently in your daily reading, writing, classroom discussions and projects.
- 🗣️ **Master Conversational English:** Express your thoughts clearly, ask questions, and deliver engaging group presentations with confidence.
- ✍️ **Draft & Structure Academic Writing:** Plan, edit, and organize your ideas to write clear paragraphs and essays, including personal narratives and opinion pieces.
- 🎯 **Ace Assessments & Excel in All Classes:** Apply test-taking strategies to succeed on language proficiency exams.

Our School Values & Classroom Expectations

Together, we live by our school's core values:

- 🤝 **We Support Each Other:** We **invite** everyone to join in, **serve** our school community, and build meaningful **relationships**. We show **care** for one another, **listen** with respect, and **celebrate** each other's progress with a **smile**. We are a **team**!
- 🦁 **We Show Courage & Resilience:** We **strive** to do our best and speak English even when we are unsure. We understand that making mistakes requires **patience** and is how we **learn** and **grow**. We are **brave** enough to chase our biggest **dreams**!
- 📚 **We Come Prepared:** We arrive ready to **create** and **learn** with **gratitude** and a positive attitude. We take **responsibility** for our actions and display **integrity** in all we do. Every **effort** we make brings us one step closer to our **life goal**!
- 💬 **We Communicate:** We build **trust** through **honesty** and ask for help when we need it from the teacher, family, and from our classmates.

How Your Growth is Measured

Your grade in this class shows your effort and your progress. The goal is always to grow!

Grade Breakdown:

- **Participation & Daily Work (40%):** This includes completing warm-ups, speaking in class, and working with your classmates. Your unique voice and ideas are important here!
- **Projects & Writing Assignments (30%):** These are bigger assignments where you will use your reading, writing, and speaking skills to show what you know.
- **Quizzes & Tests (30%):** These are check-ins to see what you have learned and what we still need to practice.

Grading Scale:

- **A** (90-100%)
- **B** (80-89%)
- **C** (70-79%)
- **D** (60-69%)
- **F** (Below 60%)

Let's Connect!

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