

South Fort Myers High School - Intensive Reading - Edge Program

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course provides intensive instruction in reading, test taking skills, vocabulary development, writing, speaking, listening, and study skills. The purpose of this course is to enable students to develop and strengthen reading skills and develop independent reading endurance. Specific content of this course will include reading instruction in the five areas of reading acquisition: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension, with an intensive focus on the last three components listed. There are two levels of this course: Level B and Level C. Your student is placed into the correct level based on FCAT score or EDGE placement test.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Use a variety of reading strategies to effectively construct meaning from technical, informative, and literary text.
- Demonstrate comprehension of the features of a variety of literary forms.
- Interact critically with non-fiction text and literature.
- Improve ability to summarize and critique text.
- Use of and improvement in appropriate and effective vocabulary, including specific content area vocabulary.
- Develop metacognitive skills of self-assessment and recognition of needed strategies to improve reading comprehension and writing effectiveness.
- Enjoy the educational experience with the long term goal of identifying appealing literature and enhancing the lifelong enchantment of reading.
- Ability to apply critical thinking, problem solving, and test-taking strategies for the assessment of reading in varied context, especially the FCAT, SAT, and ACT, Florida Standards Assessment.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Edge Student Edition
- Edge Interactive Practice Book
- Class Novels from Edge Library

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS: *May include, but are not limited to*

- Teacher selected novels, articles, readings, on-line empower program, and plays.

SUPPLY LIST/MATERIALS

- Student supply lists will be provided by individual teachers during the first week of the course.

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

Grading System: The grading system in this class is a standards based point system. All assignments will be given a point value, a percentage will be calculated, and students will receive their earned grade. Grades awarded in this course will be based on the grade distribution noted in the following table:

- 25% Empower Online Program
- 10% Homework
- 35% Classwork
- 25% Assessments
- 5% Data Folder Checks

Grading Scale:

South Fort Myers High School uses the following district-wide grading scale:

- 100-90% = A
- 89-80% = B
- 79-70% = C
- 69-60% = D
- 59-below = F

ABSENCES/MAKE-UP WORK:

Students have two (2) days to bring in a note after absences to make up missed work or a test/quiz. Any notes received without a reason for the absence will be considered as unexcused.

Students may not be able to receive any make up work unless the note has been accepted and received as excused within the two (2) day time frame. All unexcused absences could result in zero for any assignments missed that day based upon the teacher's discretion.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES:

All students are expected to follow the classroom, school rules and their teachers' directions. If a student is not abiding by the rules, the consequences outlined in the student handbook and Student Code of Conduct will be followed. Specific classroom expectations will be addressed by individual teachers during the first week of school.