

Foundation English II / Part A

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Students build and reinforce foundational reading, writing, and basic academic skills needed for success in high school. Struggling readers develop mastery in reading comprehension, vocabulary building, study skills, and media literacy. Students build confidence in writing fundamentals by focusing on composition in a variety of formats, grammar, style, and media literacy.

PREREQUISITES: Teacher/school counselor recommendation

COURSE LENGTH: One Semester

REQUIRED TEXT: None

MATERIALS LIST: None

COURSE OUTLINE:

Unit 1: More Basic Concepts

- Main Ideas
- Verb Tense
- Noun Usage
- Root Words
- Sequencing and Classifying
- Capitalization
- Parallelism
- Pronunciation and Syllables
- Writing Complete Sentences
- Irregular Verbs
- Subject-Verb Agreement
- Contractions
- Common and Proper Nouns

Unit 2: Gathering and Organizing Information

- Fact and Opinion
- Sentence Flaws

- Prefixes
- Ideas and Opinions
- Asking Important Questions
- Simple and Compound Questions
- Sentence Types
- Suffixes
- Cause and Effects
- End Marks in Punctuation
- Determining Sentence Type
- Writing Good Paragraphs

Unit 3: Summarizing

- Summarizing
- Punctuation Usage
- Verbs and Contractions
- Developing Paragraphs
- Generalization
- Plurals
- Singular and Plural Nouns
- Writing Purposes
- Compound Words
- The Process of Writing
- Characterization

Unit 4: Summarizing in Different Subjects

- Helping Verbs
- Action and Linking Verbs
- Core Subject Words
- Prewriting
- Reading Strategies in Science
- Possessive Nouns
- Information
- Adverb Usage
- Reading Strategies in Social Studies

- Transitive and Intransitive Verbs
- Conjunctions
- Comparative and Superlative Adverbs
- Synonyms and Antonyms
- Writing Strategies
- Revising Writing

Unit 5: Inferences

- Prior Knowledge
- Easily Confused Words
- Homographs and Homophones
- Proofreading
- Adjectives
- Multiple Meanings
- Pronouns and Antecedents
- Writing for the Reader
- Drawing Conclusions
- Pronoun Case
- Connotation and Denotation
- Substituting Pronouns
- Context Clues
- Unfamiliar Words

Unit 6: Purpose in Writing

- Point of View
- Predictions and Conclusions
- Adjective Intensifiers
- Punctuation Uses
- Figurative Language
- Analogies
- Bibliographies and References
- Purpose in Writing
- Figurative Language in Literature
- Greek and Latin Words

- Compare and Contrast
- Comparing and Contrasting
- Punctuating Dates and More
- Letters

Unit 7: Genre in Literature

- Setting
- Parts of the Essay
- Story Elements
- Nonfiction
- Book Reports
- Narratives
- Narrative Essays
- Narrative and Expository Writing
- Folktales and Fables
- Expository Essays
- Descriptive Essays
- Persuasive Essays