

West Ridge Middle School Course Overview

Latin 8 (Ib) 8th grade

Course Title

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Course Description:

A two semester **academic elective** course reviewing Unit I of CAMBRIDGE LATIN COURSE and continuing through Unit II: 1) developing greater proficiency in reading Latin; 2) understanding and memorizing the declensions and conjugations; 3) presenting the language within the context of the Roman world and culture; 4) developing thinking skills, communication skills, and widely applicable language acquisition skills useful in the study of other languages. Satisfactory completion of Latin 7 & 8 corresponds to the first year of Latin at the high school. No partial credit is awarded. The grades of two semesters are not averaged to determine course credit.

For the students to be recommended for Latin II in 9th grade they need to maintain an average of 80 or higher and pass the end of course exam.

Materials Suggested:

1" 3-ring binder or folder
study habits/ipad

pen and paper
4 red pens

Textbook: CAMBRIDGE LATIN COURSE Unit II

Textbook Replacement Cost: \$25

Class Rules:

1. Be prepared & on time.
2. Listen carefully & follow directions.
3. Participate joyfully.
4. Raise hand, talk in turn.
5. Respect people and property.

Department tutoring days/times:

By appointment (before school) & during Lunch.

Homework policy:

The assigned daily translations (see web page) are the lifeblood of this course and must be completed on time for the student to benefit from the next day's discussion/correction! Vocabulary and form memorization is a continuing task to be worked on assiduously both in class and at home and will be tested weekly (usually Fridays).

Grading policy:

50% daily work grade (25% pop quizzes, 25% oral participation/homework)
50% average of quest and exam grades

9 Weeks topics:

1st Grading Period (Review Unit 1 CLC)

Translation skills; Parts of speech; Noun/Verb forms;
Case meanings; Personal pronouns; Vocab 1-12 (review).

2nd Grading Period (Stages 13 -15)

Many more pronouns; Prepositions; Vocabulary. Adjective forms--all declensions. Noun & Verb manipulation.

3rd Grading Period (Stages 16 -18)

Still more Pronouns; Infinitives; Pluperfect (& Future) tense; Adj. comparison; Genitive case; Relative clauses.

4th Grading Period (Stages 19 & 20)

Verb analysis; Principal parts; Irreg. verbs; Myths Case usage; Imperatives & Vocatives; Translation skills; Present participles.

Other Information:

Latin vocabulary and the skill of derivative recognition will be developed yearlong. Cultural information about the Romans is interwoven throughout the readings and will be discussed as appropriate. The study of grammar and inflections is highlighted during this year.