

ESL Syllabus (Grades 6–8) | 2025–2026

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Course Overview

This ESL course supports English learners in grades 6–8 by developing skills in **Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing** using **SummitK12**. Students will improve vocabulary, build fluency, and prepare for **TELPAS**.

Goals

- Strengthen skills in all four language domains
- Expand academic vocabulary
- Build confidence in academic communication
- Prepare for TELPAS with aligned tasks

Key Tools in SummitK12

- **Listening & Speaking Practice** (with feedback)
- **Reading Fluency & Comprehension Passages**
- **Writing Prompts & Sentence Frames**
- **Vocabulary Boosters & Quizzes**
- **TELPAS Prep Modules & Simulations**

Semester Highlights Semester 1: Language Foundations

- Weeks 1–2: Placement & Goal Setting
- Weeks 3–6: Listening & Speaking Fluency
- Weeks 7–10: Academic Vocabulary & Grammar
- Weeks 11–14: Reading & Writing Basics
- Weeks 15–18: TELPAS Speaking/Writing Prep

Semester 2: Academic Language & TELPAS

- Weeks 19–24: Comprehension, Narrative Writing, Vocabulary
- Weeks 25–30: TELPAS Practice (All Domains)
- Weeks 31–34: Simulated Assessments
- Weeks 35–36: Final Projects & Presentations

Class Expectations

- Use English in class as much as possible
- Bring device, headphones, and ESL notebook daily
- Show effort and support your peers
- Practice regularly on SummitK12 (20–30 mins/week)

Due to the new TEXAS STATE LAW, there will be absolutely no cell phones!

The new cell phone policy is that the first offense your phone will be taken up and given to the office. Your parent/guardian will have to pick it up at the end of the day and pay a \$15 fee. Repeat offenders will be dealt with at the office.

Review this syllabus with your parent/guardian, then sign and **RETURN TO MS MCDONALD BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 for a 100% on your daily grade.**

Guardian/Parent Signature

Student Signature