

Creative Writing

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Course Description:

This course will explore student writing and creativity. The course will provide students with a foundation to build stories, create characters, and develop their own personal style. We will be writing the following: short stories from multiple perspectives, descriptive settings, poetry, scripts, children's story, dialogue, character sketch, tabloid article, book reviews, fantasy, mystery, as well as keeping a daily writing journal. For the second semester students will be asked to create a portfolio of stories, poems, or a piece of a novel.

Major Course Objectives:

After completing the course, students will understand and be able to write new and well-developed pieces of text. Students will understand the characteristics of multiple types and genres of writing. Students will learn the process of writing and be able to differentiate between character types. The class will help students develop multiple plot structures as well as the rules of writing and how to break them. Students will develop their own writing style and voice through working with the class. We will participate in peer reviews and constructive feedback.

Course Materials:

Students need to come prepared to class so they do not fall behind. Each day, students are expected to bring the necessary items to school to allow them to complete their work. This will vary depending on the activities the student is planning to work on. Students should plan ahead for what they will need. Students may bring their own laptop. Students will need a notebook for their writing journal, which are available. Students will be reading excerpts and examples from various writers which will be provided by the teacher.

Format and Procedure:

All courses will be delivered through the digital curriculum as well as in class discussions. Students will be required to attend Innovations for a minimum of six and a half (6.5) hours per day. Students may also be required to attend class during specific times to receive direct instruction or participate in discussions. Time will be made in the morning and afternoon to meet the needs of students.

Class Meetings:

Class meeting will be held to go over lessons and provide additional support every other day. Please reference the master schedule for times. Students will be required to attend meetings unless they are moving at an accelerated pace in the class. In addition to class meeting, teachers and tutors will be available for one-on-one support throughout the day.

Course Requirements:

- Students are expected to maintain a steady pace to complete coursework on time. Students must be on time and come prepared to learn.
- Students will be engaged in reading and writing assignments through the digital curriculum. Students will also be participating in group discussions and student-teacher conferences to ensure student understanding and completion.
- Computer labs and laptops will be available to students at Innovations. Due to the unique nature of our school, students must show respect for other students and the resources available to them. Coursework may be completed on or off campus. Students must complete their own coursework. A full list of coursework and descriptions is available online.

Cheating and Plagiarism:

Students must complete their own coursework. All tests require a password and **must be taken on campus in the computer lab.**

Cheating includes:

- Completing another student’s coursework or having another complete your coursework
- Sharing assignments and test answers with another student
- Using the internet to locate answers to an assignment or test, unless specifically directed to do so.
- Plagiarism includes using someone else’s work as your own.
- This also includes not using correct citation and/or not correctly giving credit to the original source.
- Cheating and plagiarism will be grounds for disciplinary actions and/or removal from Innovations High School.

Grading Procedures:

Activity and grade listing is accessible online.

Innovations HS follows the SLC School Districts Grading Scale:

A	95 - 100%
A-	90 - 94%
B+	86 - 89%
B	83 - 85%
B-	80 - 82%
C+	76 - 79%
C	73 - 75%
C-	70 - 72%
D+	66 - 69%
D	63 - 65%
D-	60 - 62%
F	below 60%

Tentative Course Schedule:

Students are permitted to complete coursework at their own pace. However, all coursework must be completed by the end of the year. Students can adjust their own end date online to help manage time.

Class: Creative Writing Teacher: Mrs. Bauer

I have read and agree to the rules specified in this disclosure:

Student: _____ X _____
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Parent: _____ X _____
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