

**McCarthy -  
ELD 3-4  
Room M-208  
Period 5, 7**

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***Who are we?***

We are multi-lingual high school students interested in improving our English language skills. Most of us scored “progressing” on the ELPA 21 exam last year.

***Who is the teacher?***

Mrs. McCarthy is a teacher who loves teaching ELD! She speaks English, some German and a little bit of Spanish.

***What will we study?***

We will practice reading, writing, speaking and listening in English language arts. We will read stories, practice grammar, and write A LOT!

***How do you contact the teacher?***

Talk to me before, during or after class. I am only here on “B” days. If you need to tell me something on an “A” day, email me at [nmccarthy1@pps.net](mailto:nmccarthy1@pps.net).

***Why do we take ELD?***

We take ELD to make our language skills stronger, which makes the rest of high school easier.

***How will I know if I am improving my skills?***

There are 10 main standards for English Language Development. Your grade will show how much you improve on the standards. The standards are:

1. I can comprehend by reading, listening and viewing.
2. I can speak, write, read and listen to give and receive ideas.
3. I can speak and write about fiction and non-fiction texts.
4. I can give reasons for my statements and opinions.

5. I can research topics and write about what I learn.
6. I can analyze other people's ideas and give them suggestions by speaking and writing.
7. I can use the correct language for the correct situation.
8. I can comprehend or infer the meaning of new vocabulary.
9. I can write and speak clearly.
10. I can write and speak using standard English.

### ***How will I be graded?***

The grade categories are:

#### **Daily Work:** 10%

This is the work that we start class with.

#### **Classwork:** 50%

This is the work that we do to practice before showing how much we have learned.

#### **Assessment:** 40%

This is how we show what we have learned. This is tests, quizzes, essays and final products of work.

**All** assignments connect to at least one of our standards.

### ***What else should I know about this class?***

- In our classroom we need to be Thoughtful, Safe, Respectful and Responsible.
- Cell phones are turned off and put away, unless the teacher says something different.
- Please bring a pencil and loose leaf paper to class.
- Work should be turned in on time. If work is late, it will be accepted until the end of the grading period, but will be marked down 10 points for every week it is late, until you reach 50 points.
- Work that is not turned in is marked "missing" in Synergy. A score of 50% will be input until it is turned in. Work not turned in by the end of the grading period may be input as a 0.