

ESL Programs at High Bluff Academy

Level 1 ESL: Low intermediate to intermediate

Fundamentals of English Language

Students at this level should be able to read and comprehend text written at a 5th grade level. They should understand simple oral instructions, and be familiar with most rules of grammar. They should have taken a minimum of three years of English in a middle school or high school in their home country.

ESL Instruction: 2 hours to 2.5 hours per day of direct grammar, writing, listening and speaking skills. Class size limited to 8 students.

Introduction to Literature

This course meets 3 hours per week. Students will read and analyze a variety of poems, short stories and novels and learn the basics of literary analysis. Emphasis will be on vocabulary development, reading comprehension, discussion and analysis.

Social Studies: Introduction to America

This course will meet daily for 4-5 hours per week. The course begins with the geography and culture of North America. Students will become familiar with the 50 states, major cities, and physical geography of the country and will study the subcultures of the four regions: New England, the South, Midwest, and West. The rest of the course will be devoted to the early history of the United States from the 16th to 19th century. Reading, research, discussions and oral presentations will reinforce the language skills taught in ESL.

Math: Integrated Math 1

This course will meet four days a week for 4-5 hours. Topics covered will be intermediate Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Probability and Statistics. The emphasis will be on vocabulary and language development and problem solving skills and strategies necessary in solving word problems similar to those found on the SAT and ACT.

Integrated Science: The Language and Practice of Science

In this course students will be introduced to the basic terminology of science across the disciplines of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Students will carry out laboratory experiments and science projects, culminating in a school-wide science fair at the end of the year.

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Level 2 ESL: High Intermediate

Fundamentals of English Language

Students at this level should be able to read and comprehend text written at a 7th grade level. They should understand multi-step oral instructions, and be familiar with all rules of grammar. They should have successfully passed ESL 1 or demonstrate the desired proficiency in English.

ESL Instruction: 2 hours per day of direct grammar, writing, listening and speaking skills. Class size limited to 8 students.

Modified English 11

This literature based course will emphasize literary analysis of a wide variety of texts. Students will learn to write a five-paragraph essay with supporting evidence. Students will also work on reading comprehension, grammar, and timed essays used on the SAT and ACT exams.

Social Studies: United States History 1865 to the present

This course will meet daily for 4-5 hours per week. This course mirrors the curriculum of the college prep U.S. History 11th grade course taken by all domestic students. The reading materials and writing assignments will be modified to reflect emerging language learners. Emphasis will be on discussions, oral presentations and note-taking during lectures.

Math: Integrated Math 2

This course will meet four days a week for 4-5 hours. Topics covered will be advanced Algebra, Trigonometry, and Precalculus. The emphasis will be on vocabulary and language development and problem solving skills and strategies necessary in solving word problems similar to those found on the SAT and ACT. Advanced mathematics students may also enroll in AP Calculus.

College Prep Laboratory Science: Biology, Chemistry, or Physics

Students will choose between Biology, Chemistry or Physics. They will be integrated with the domestic students with modification and extra support.

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Level 3 ESL: Advanced

Advanced ESL

Students at this level should be able to read and comprehend text written at a 9th grade level. They should be able to attend classes with domestic students with minor modifications and support. They should have successfully passed ESL 2 or demonstrate the desired proficiency in English.

ESL Instruction: 1.5 hours per day of direct grammar, writing, listening and speaking skills. Focus will be on TOEFL preparation and practice. Class size limited to 8 students.

Modified English 12

This literature based course will emphasize literary analysis of a wide variety of texts. Students will also work on reading comprehension, grammar, and timed essays used on the SAT and ACT exams.

Social Studies: American Government and Economics

This course will meet daily for 4-5 hours per week. This course follows the curriculum of the college prep course taken by all domestic students. The reading materials and writing assignments will be modified to reflect advanced language learners. Emphasis will be on discussions, oral presentations and note-taking during lectures.

Math: Precalculus, Honors Precalculus, AP Calculus or ACT Math

Students can choose (with the teacher's approval) any level of our regular college prep math series. Student can also choose to focus just on ACT math prep by attending Integrated Math 2 for ESL students.

College Prep Laboratory Science: Biology, Chemistry, or Physics

Students will choose between Biology, Chemistry, Physics or AP Physics. They will be integrated with the domestic students and given extra support.

ELECTIVES

All students will participate in physical education at least two days per week.

Students will choose two courses from a variety of elective classes where they will be integrated with domestic students. Courses may include: art, music, digital photography, media arts, computer science (coding), engineering, graphic design, and drama.

Community Service

All students are encouraged to attend our monthly community service events. Opportunities to work with one organization on a weekly basis will also be available