

## **Advanced Writing for College Readiness with Grammar**

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**Location:** First Baptist Fannin

### **Course Description:**

This advanced writing class is designed to prepare your students for collegiate writing. Students will gain valuable experience through varied writing assignments such as rhetorical analysis, research papers, argumentative essays, and much more. Students will also gain exposure to the MLA and APA writing formats, PowerPoint presentations, and critical thinking exercises in order to be as prepared as possible for their college writing experiences. All teaching will come from the Excellence in Writing Teaching Model.

This class is redesigned each year so that a student may take it for multiple years without duplication.

### **Student Text:**

IEW's Fix It Grammar (Student's level will be assessed)

**Grade Level:** High School

This formal writing class is designed for students who have had some experience with writing.

### **Class Fees:**

\$320 (\$40 per month, \$160 per semester), \$20 supply fee

**Supplies needed:** 3 ring notebook, dividers, loose leaf paper, journal (can be a section of the notebook), pen, pencil

Please bring these supplies to class each week along with your Fix It Grammar work book. Students should have access to a computer and printer to turn in typed papers.

### **Grading Scale:**

<b>A</b>	90-100	Superior Quality Work
<b>B</b>	80-89	Above Average Work
<b>C</b>	70- 79	Average Work
<b>D</b>	60- 69	Below Average Work
<b>F</b>	59-0	Failing

(This class is equal to one English Credit towards graduation. If you need help knowing how to label this class on a transcript, please feel free to contact me.)

**Grade Breakdown:**

Class Participation:	10%
Homework:	20%
Notebook Checks:	20%
Papers:	25%
Tests:	25%

**Absence Policy:**

If absent, the student is responsible for contacting me about their missed assignments.

**Late work:**

Ten points will be deducted for each class period that an assignment is late unless student was absent or has contacted me in advance with a valid excuse.

**Class Communications:**

I will use the Remind app to keep students and parents updated on important information for this class.

**About the Instructor:**

My degree is in Journalism/Mass Communications with a specialization in Public Relations from Samford University. I have minors in history and religion. I have 26 hours towards my Masters of Arts in Christian Studies and expect to have it completed in 2023. I have homeschooled and taught other homeschooled children in co-op settings for 18 years. I have a child with dyslexia and love to partner with parents to turn learning difficulties into character strengths. I am passionate about teaching and I have a heart for preparing homeschoolers for all that God has intended for their lives!