



## Merit ELA 11/12 Syllabus Grand Haven High School



**Course Number:** S22  
**Grade Level:** 11th and 12th  
**Credits :** 1.0  
**Prerequisite Courses :** none

### Course Description

This Special Education course is an extension of MERIT ELA 9/0. Areas of study include reading, writing, and speaking. Students will extend their knowledge and use of strategies to enhance skills in these areas within real life situations. A variety of texts will be used including novels, newspapers, media, informational texts, and others. Writing will include essays and other life-application texts. This course is only for students with an IEP on a PC.

### Course Objectives

Students will learn strategies to apply reading, writing, and speaking skills to daily life.

### Student Expectations

A positive attitude will bring positive results, and all students and staff are expected to do their personal best in class daily. Respect for yourself, others, and the environment around you will also be expected from everyone in the classroom. If student's behavior is disrespectful or disruptive, discipline actions will follow.

All daily assignments are due the following day. Late work will be accepted but will only receive partial credit. All assignments must be turned in at least 3 days prior to the start of our final writing project.

Every minute in class is valuable to everyone's education and success, and therefore it's very important students come to class prepared every day. Students are expected to bring their independent reading book, a pencil, a pen, and a notebook or folder with them everyday

Additional support is sometimes needed to make yourself successful. If you are having difficulty in class, please don't hesitate to ask for extra help. I am more than willing to help you as much as I can. Extra help can be arranged before school, after school, and during lunch.

### Building Behavioral Expectations

***TEAM GH ... One Team, One Family, One Grand Haven. Be Kind. Always.***

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## Communication

Students and parents are encouraged to communicate with the teacher with questions or concerns. Teacher contact information can be found on the ghaps.org website. Parent Internet Viewer can be used to monitor current grades.

## Grading Policy

Grading Policy is determined by Special Education Department

## Scope and Sequence

- Media Literacy
- Resume and Cover Letter Writing
- Understanding and Completing Professional Documents
- Contracts
- Professional Speaking

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