

Syllabus for 8th Grade Latin

Overview: The Latin course serves as a first look at foreign language study, focusing on conversational and basic Latin and its connections to English and the Romance languages. We pay special attention to vocabulary acquisition and spelling skills. Roman culture and history serve as the context for these studies.

Textbook(s) and Other Resources used: Jenney's First Year Latin serves as the primary text for the class; of course, we sample other sources to uncover linguistic, historical, and cultural understandings. We will also use various DVD's and musical CD's to enhance student learning.

Outline of Content:

First Quarter

Topics: Introduction to conversational and basic Latin skills; Latin's place within the history of languages; introduction to Roman culture and history; ordinal numbers; the family; English derivations from Latin.

Projects, papers, tests-schedule and types: Weekly quizzes and one major test; *Family Project* (with presentation)

Second Quarter

Topics: Basic Latin grammar skills; Roman culture and history; cardinal numbers; translating simple sentences with inverted syntax; English derivations from Latin

Projects, papers, tests-schedule and types: Weekly quizzes and one major test; *Roman Culture Project*.

Third Quarter

Topics: Continued study of basic Latin grammar and syntax; Roman religion and mythology; Julius Caesar and the Roman Revolution; English derivations from Latin.

Projects, papers, tests-schedule and types: Weekly quizzes and one major test; *Roman Culture Essay*.

Fourth Quarter

Topics: Final study of basic Latin grammar and syntax; The fall of the Roman Empire and the rise of Europe; Romance languages; English derivations from Latin.

Projects, papers, tests-schedule and types: Weekly quizzes and one major test; *Foreign Language Inquiry project*.

Grading Structure/ Procedure/ Framework:

The letter grade is based on the school district's grading policy.