



## **Greenwich Public Schools Curriculum Overview**

### English ESL 2

Personalized learning is achieved through standards-based, rigorous and relevant curriculum that is aligned to digital tools and resources.

*Note: Teachers retain professional discretion in how the learning is presented based on the needs and interests of their students.*

### **Course Description: (from COSG)**

ENGLISH ESL 2

Full Year

101800      8 Blocks      1 English Credit

Prerequisite: This course is open to students in grades 9-12 with less than two years of formal English instruction or by recommendation of the teacher.

This course for English learners emphasizes strengthening and developing academic language. In addition to a study of communication skills, the course will provide intensive language practice in academic reading and writing activities. Students meet with their teachers an additional two blocks per cycle to participate in the Seminar Skills program. These students should also be enrolled in Social Studies 2.

### **Unit Guide: (List of Major Units)**

1. Personal Growth & Goals
2. Polar Exploration
3. Desert Survival
4. Survival: Exploration of Mars
5. Career Exploration
6. Novel Study
7. Biography
8. Norman Rockwell & The 20th Century

### **Enduring Understanding**

- The English to Speakers of Other Languages classroom is populated with students of diverse backgrounds.
- Literature is the expression of human experience.
- Prior to the written word, stories were orally passed down through the generations.
- Non-fiction texts help us understand the human experience in the past and present and imagine the world of the future.
- There are common features or literary elements that are used to discuss and analyze literature.

- Literature teaches us about human relationships.
- The narrative point of view is a valuable tool in presenting historical information.
- The characters in a novel provide a lens for viewing and analyzing society.
- Diverse perspectives help shape who we are.
- Certain personality traits help people develop and reach their goals.

### **Performance Tasks: (Including Capstone Assured Experiences)**

- Interpersonal and presentational speaking and writing activities
- Teacher-generated quizzes and unit assessments to show mastery (vocabulary and grammar along with listening, reading, speaking)
- Non-Fiction and Literary Essays

### **Standards**

[CELP Standards for English Language Learners \(page 12 of the linked document\)](#)

### **Resources**

*Matthew A. Henson: an excerpt from a biography* by Wade Hudson

"Survivorman" Les Stroud in the Sonoran Desert

*"Sonoran Desert Heritage on This American Land."*

*In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson*, Bette Bao Lord

*Norman Rockwell: Storyteller With A Brush*, Beverly Gherman

*Exploring Desert Biomes* (Discovery Streaming)

*The Arctic Frontier Video* - CBS News: 60 Minutes 10/2/16:

YouTube Videos

VOA News