



MARBLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL
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The mission of Marblehead High School is to provide a safe, respectful environment in which all students are challenged to achieve their fullest intellectual, physical and social development and to accept responsibility for their learning.

Course: Latin 2 Honors
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Course Description

This course is for the highly motivated student who has demonstrated success in mastering the material encountered in Latin 1. In Latin 2 Honors, students will continue to expand their vocabulary and learn more complex grammar as well as learn about aspects of Roman culture, history, and mythology. It is expected that all students will come prepared to memorize the material required to read, write and even speak in increasingly complex Latin sentences. Short readings from authentic Latin texts will be introduced, translated and studied in their cultural, social and historical contexts. All students will take the National Latin Exam in March 2012.

Supplies

- *Ecce Romani II* textbook--must be kept covered and brought to class every day.
- 3-ring binder (at least 2") for class notes and handouts--must be brought to class every day.
- Lined paper to be kept in 3-ring binder for taking notes and doing written homework/classwork.
- Pencils, pens for homework/classwork, and alternate colored pens for corrections.

Expectations

Every member of the classroom has the right to see, hear, concentrate, teach, and learn to the maximum extent possible, and I expect all students to conduct themselves accordingly. Any behaviors that infringe upon these rights will be taken very seriously and will not be tolerated. Other expectations worthy of mention here are:

1. Come to class on time and prepared
2. Maintain honesty and integrity in all aspects of the class
3. Seek extra help as soon as you need it
4. Adhere to all school rules as stated in the MHS Student Handbook

Extra Help Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Before School: By appointment

Grading Policy

Homework, tests, quizzes, and a variety of other assignments all contribute to the term grade. Each assignment is worth a certain number of points. The term grade is calculated by dividing the total points earned by the total points possible. Grades are maintained on the online Student/Parent Portal, which will typically be updated once a week.

Homework Assessment

Each homework assignment is worth a varying number of points.

- **Full Credit** will be given to work that is on time, complete, carefully done, reflects that the student has consulted resources such as notes, textbook, and a glossary/dictionary when necessary, and shows adequate corrections (if we have gone over the assignment in class).
- **Partial Credit** may be given to work that is turned in but does not meet the standards required for full credit.
- **A score of 0** (no credit) will be given when homework is not turned in, is done at inappropriate times (such as during a lesson or in another teacher's class), and in cases when it is demonstrably not the student's own work.

Ongoing Assessments: Most days, a short (5-10 minute) in-class assessment will be given. No specific notice will be given in advance of these assessments. The purpose of this is for both the students and the teacher to see an ongoing record of their day-to-day proficiency with current and cumulative skills and content. These assessments may focus on material from the previous night's homework/study, synthesis of materials from previous lessons, or a task such as filling out a grammatical chart or a verb synopsis.

Work missed due to an excused absence must be made up promptly. Please contact a classmate, check the online homework calendar, or email me to find out what you have missed if you are absent.

Work missed due to unexcused absence or tardy will not be accepted. Students arriving late to class without a pass will not be given extra time to complete any work that their tardiness may have caused them to miss.

Nightly Study: As with any foreign language, Latin requires rigorous study and practice outside of class. Students should spend time every day reviewing vocabulary, grammar, and any other notes from class.

Thoroughly re-reading all assigned reading passages multiple times is of particular importance in developing good reading skills and retaining vocabulary.

Leaving the Room: Trips out of the room should be limited to when it is absolutely necessary. Students must always have a pass signed by the teacher when leaving the room. Frequent requests to leave the room, unless for excused medical reasons, will result in loss of privileges and/or parent contact. Students may not leave the room during tests/assessments.

Food and Drink: Students are welcome to bring bottled water to class provided that it has a cap and they are careful not to spill it. It is MHS policy that no other food or drink is allowed in classrooms.

Textbook Care: Each student will be issued a textbook at the beginning of the year and will be responsible for keeping it covered at all times and returning it at the end of the year in the same condition, with allowances made for normal, reasonable wear and tear. (Reasonable wear and tear does not include: drawing, writing, or otherwise marking up the textbook; folding or dog-earing pages; torn out pages/torn off covers; damage that occurs from not keeping the book covered; other damage such as from food or beverage spills).

Textbook Purchase Information: New or used copies of the textbook can be ordered directly from the publisher or from online vendors such as Amazon. The textbook we use in Latin 2 is: *Ecce Romani II*; Publisher: Prentice Hall

Website: The class website (<http://mhs.marbleheadlatin.com>) contains additional information and resources for students and parents including a homework calendar, class document downloads, online games and practice tests, a feedback form for questions or comments, National Latin Exam results, a photo album, and more.