



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 4
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Students taking Latin 4 for Honors credit will read:

- Selections from Ovid's *Metamorphoses*
- Selected poems by Catullus
- Selected poems by Horace
- Selections from Book 1 and 6 of Vergil's *Aeneid*
- Selections from Julius Caesar's *Commentarii De Bello Gallico*

Students taking Latin 4 for CP1 credit will read:

- Modified portions of the Honors selections listed above
- Adapted selections from Apuleius' *Cupid and Psyche*
- Other short pieces of Latin prose and poetry

All students will:

- Study figures of speech and literary devices
- Discuss and write short critical essays about passages of Latin
- Continue to practice and refine grammar skills
- Take the National Latin Exam in March 2012

Supplies

- 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.

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.

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.