



Literacy Success with ELS!

The English Department at St. Edmund Campion is offering ELS 201: a Ministry credit course designed to help students experiencing difficulty with literacy skills. This course incorporates new literacy strategies and high interest texts designed to engage your child and help him/her develop a new love for reading and writing.

ELS 201 is designed for learners who exhibit frustration with literacy:

- difficulty with reading and writing activities in **ANY** of his or her school subjects
- reluctance to complete reading and writing tasks
- struggling to express thoughts or ideas clearly on paper
- inability to answer questions completely or correctly: often due a weakness with reading comprehension

ELS201 will help your child and promote literacy capacity in several ways:

1. Reading materials like graphic novels and magazine articles are targeted to capture student interest.
2. Students will complete purposeful writing tasks.
3. The terminology and format used in the course mirrors those used in the OSSLT.
4. Improved reading and writing will lead to greater success in all subject areas.
5. Passing the course **will earn your son/daughter a credit towards his/her graduation.**

Why is my son/daughter _____ being recommended for ELS201?

Data gathered on summative assessment indicates that your child has experienced difficulty in _____ or is currently experiencing challenges in _____.

Also, your son/daughter experienced difficulty on the EQAO MOCK TEST written on March 31. It is modeled after the OSSLT **which all grade 10 students must pass with 75% to graduate.**

Reading Score: _____ Writing Score: _____

In an effort to help your son/daughter be more successful next year, it is **highly recommended** that he/she enroll in ELS201. It is imperative that you return this sheet to the **English Department or the main office immediately.** Registration for 2011-2012 for students in this course will be made on a first come first serve basis as enrolment in the course is limited.

Please sign this portion of the form, and **carefully fill out all spaces**, and have your son/daughter return it to indicate that you have received this documentation. If you have any questions about the course, please call 905 846 7124 ext. 72192 to speak to Ms. Efpatriadis, Department Head of English/ELL, or our Student Success Team at ext 72101.

I, _____, (parent/guardian signature) have read the information.

(circle your choice: 1 OR 2)

1. I WISH TO ENROL MY CHILD IN ELS201 FOR EXTRA SUPPORT FOR SUCCESS.

2. I DO NOT WANT TO ENROL MY CHILD IN ELS201

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Comments: _____

Thank you for your attention to this matter.