

## Latin A Course Expectations

**Rationale:** Latin A is a reading-based introduction to the Latin language, during which the student will also become familiar with grammatical terminology. I will emphasize mastery of vocabulary and forms, keeping our lessons in context wherever possible.

**Materials**      Sturdy binder with at least a 1½-inch spine  
Five dividers  
Loose-leaf paper (NOT in a notebook)  
Pens/pencils in several colors  
Text: *Ecce Romani I*

<b>Grading</b>	Homework/translations	20%
	Oral quizzes	25%
	Vocabulary	20%
	Tests/Projects	20%
	Participation	15%

**Homework/translations:** Expect to do homework and/or study for vocabulary every evening. According to Ridgeview policy, homework that is one day late will receive only 50% credit, and 0% after the first day.

**Oral quizzes:** At least once every two weeks, there will be an oral quiz over the chapter(s) covered. You will be tested on the accuracy of your pronunciation and translation.

**Vocabulary:** You will take a vocabulary quiz over one or more chapters periodically. You may also be tested on derivatives (English and foreign words derived from Latin) that we have discussed in class.

**Tests/Projects:** Unit tests will be a combination of vocabulary, derivatives, paradigms, sentences for grammar analysis, and short translations of Latin.

This semester you will draw and/or construct a model of the Roman *villa* (country house). Details will follow. It may take longer for me to grade the villa project than to grade regular assignments.

**Participation:** You will be informally assessed throughout the period. Participating means that you are actively involved in class discussions and prepared for class each day. As part of the participation grade, I may check the organization and completeness of your binder at any time.

If you are having trouble with any portion of the class, I am more than willing to help. Please talk to me to arrange an appointment.

Please sign and return by Friday, September 7. Keep this document in your binder.

I have read the course expectations above and will contact Mrs. Pichel with any concerns or questions.

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Course and section** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_