

VIDEO SCRIPT

TITLE: SPRING ISD ENGLISH 2 DEMO

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FADE IN:

IMAGES of students in athletics, band practice, theater.

STUDENT IN HALLWAY looking lost.

STUDENT IN GRADUATION CAP & GOWN

GRAPHIC: ~~TXVSN~~-spring ISD LOGO

GRAPHIC: ENGLISH TWO HOMEPAGE

GRAPHICS: CONTENT EXAMPLES from course material. (??)

CLASSROOM SETTING

NARRATOR:

Question: How can you accelerate your academic program when you're already booked solid with classes and activities? How can you take a class that isn't offered by your school system? How do you solve scheduling conflicts when you're close to graduation and want to advance your program?

Answer: With an interactive online learning course-from Spring ISD offered through the Texas Virtual School Network.

And if you need an online course to meet your English Language Arts needs, ~~elective~~, here's a great choice: *ENGLISH TWO* -- developed by Spring ISD.

In English Two, we take you beyond the basics of the English language and into learning how to use it to express yourself. We learn about poetry and puns, similes and metaphors -- the part of language that helps the reader visualize what a writer is thinking. We study how great authors use language creatively, to get their point across.

English Two Online gives you access to the same study

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*STUDENT IN LIBRARY or at home, studying online.
(Eyecon stock footage)*

<http://new.sisdvs.org/>

<https://sisdvs.springisd.org/>

<https://sisdvs.springisd.org/course/view.php?id=282>

Entry point - orientation

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material used in the traditional class, taught by the same instructors who developed it.

You have the same high level of interactivity you'd enjoy in a real time class -- or even more. But you have the advantage in being able to participate in the course whenever and wherever it's convenient.

Simply go the Spring ISD virtual school homepage and log in. This takes you to your virtual class page.

In the main portion of the page are general class announcements. In the upper left corner of the page, are messages for you, from your teacher.

Also in the left column are the Spring ISD online courses in which you are enrolled. To enter the learning environment, just click on a course -- in this case, English Two.

This takes you to the course page. This is where you'll access the material you'll be studying, along with your assignments. You can also access your teacher's web page, news and messages, grades, and a lot more -- all of it built into the *Moodle Learning Management System*.

Now, if you've never heard of Moodle or taken an online class from Spring ISD, and if you're starting to get a little confused, don't sweat it. Everything is explained in Orien-

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<https://sisdvs.springisd.org/mod/resource/view.php?id=42676>

tation, which is actually your first assignment.

"Start by clicking here." This opens a page with a video that walks you through the Orientation unit.

<https://sisdvs.springisd.org/mod/resource/view.php?id=8249>

Under the video frame, you'll also see a link to the Orientation unit checklist. This shows each of the assignments you need to complete, how long each will take, and when each is due. Every unit in the course has its own checklist. This not only helps keep you from getting lost but also helps you schedule your class work around your other priorities.

<https://sisdvs.springisd.org/file.php/282/moddata/scorm/2383/index.html>

The Orientation unit also includes a complete guide to working with Moodle.

<https://sisdvs.springisd.org/mod/assignment/view.php?id=42685>

One of the most important skills in an online class is communicating with your instructor.

https://sisdvs.springisd.org/file.php/282/Online_Orientation_2010/AudioVideo/CommunicationMoodle2.swf

So this unit includes an online video that shows you how to communicate with your teacher through Moodle's messaging system.

<https://sisdvs.springisd.org/course/view.php?id=282>

Now let's look at the course itself. The course is broken into learning units, each on a specific topic, all of them structured the same way. Each one starts with an Overview module, to introduce the topic.

Also see 19:13 in Eluminate session

<https://sisdvs.springisd.org/file.php/282/moddata/scorm/2390/index.html>

For example, the topic for Unit 2 is "Point of View."

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Below the Overview are links to the online study material.

Along the text selections, this material also includes video, PowerPoints, web pages and other rich media.

Below those links, you'll find your lessons and assignments ... and the assessments you must complete before moving on to the next unit.

<https://sisdvs.springisd.org/mod/resource/view.php?id=42726>

And as mentioned before, each unit includes a checklist to help you keep up with your studies. This is a great guide.

EYECON STOCK of student studying on course material, writing essay, etc. SPLIT SCREEN to show multiple students

The fact that you're studying online doesn't mean you'll be studying alone. Like all TXVSN courses, English Two features a lot of interactivity.

SHOW EXAMPLES (to come)

For example, your assignments might be to write an essay on a topic from your teacher, then post a portion of it on the class forum. Your teacher will review and comment on it, and you'll have a chance to review and comment on your classmates' work.

See 28:48 and further in Eluminate session

Also see 22:20 in Eluminate session

As a junior or senior, you'll also be able to take part in Global Learning Experiences. In these, you work with your classmates, in online groups, to come up with solutions for community problems -- helping to further develop your writing and critical-thinking skills.

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See 10:16 in *Eliminate* session

See 29:44, 31:18 in *Eliminate* session

GRAPHIC: EXAMPLES of student assessment projects (Glogster poster, video, PP, etc.)

Also see 32:55 in *Eliminate* session

(SPRING ISD will need to provide examples of student work with appropriate identity protection)

EYECON STOCK of student in front of desktop or laptop computer.

REVERSE ANGLE: INSERT ENGLISH 2 course header or page on computer screen.

SREEN SHOT of TXVSN webpage

EYECON STOCK of student meeting with counselor

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Throughout the course, you'll also be in constant contact with your teacher -- through individual and group messages -- course announcements -- and the forums -- as well as traditional phone, text and email.

Teachers also communicate through their comments on your assignments and feedback on your assessments. You may find that you have more interaction with your teacher online than you ever did in the classroom.

There's more to testing in the online environment as well. In addition to the traditional written assessments, one assessment might be to design a rich-media poster using Glogster. Another might be to create a video, a PowerPoint or other type of presentation. By incorporating a assortment of assessment styles, students have opportunities to show what they have learned in a variety of ways.

And that's just a part of what makes English Two a stimulating and challenging online class -- one that'll help you develop language skills that will be of great value in your career. Best of all, you can easily fit it into your schedule.

For more information, please consult the Texas Virtual School Network catalog. Then, schedule a time to meet

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GRAPHIC: TXVSN and SPRING ISD LOGOS

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with your academic counselor.

MUSIC UP -- HOLD TO CONCLUSION
