

# High School English Language Arts, 9-12

## WHAT WE TEACH

Newark City Schools teaches curricula tied to and defined by the Ohio's Learning Standards, which outline performance expectations for students in the strands of reading, writing, language, and speaking and listening.

Our ninth-grade program provides a literary survey, while our tenth-grade program focuses on world literature, our eleventh-grade program on American literature, and our twelfth on British literature.

## HOW WE TEACH IT

We deliver responsive, flexible instruction based on learner needs. Teachers pre-assess students to determine core competencies and then focus their instruction on areas for growth. Within our English language arts classes, students receive instruction in vocabulary, speaking and listening, close reading, and the art of writing.

Over the course of the program, students study a variety of complex texts and seminal works, fiction and non-fiction, selected for their richness, relevance, and literary, historical, and/or cultural significance. Literature is broad in spectrum, ensuring texts reflect a mind-expanding assortment of diverse opinions and experiences.

## PROGRAM TARGETS

In striving to help all students become college or career ready, we set the following program targets, which outline what learners should be able to do upon completion of their program:

- read closely and strategically for a variety of purposes, including understanding, application, research, analysis, and enjoyment;
- produce a range of writing that is appropriate to audience and task;
- employ precise language to convey ideas and share information;
- use a variety of strategies to determine the meanings of unknown words; and
- speak and listen to the end of effective and engaging communication.