

English Department Course Offerings

The English Department offers College Preparatory and Honors classes at the 9th and 10th grade levels and College Preparatory and AP classes at the 11th and 12th grade levels. The programs offered through the department are reflective of a cohesive staff with one primary goal: to see that student is offered the best preparation in both oral and written language proficiency.

Course Descriptions:

Ninth Grade Lit/Comp

Grade Level: 9

Credit: 1 English Unit

Integrates writing, grammar, usage, literature, speaking, and listening. Covers the writing process. Includes reading a variety of multi-cultural literature. Offers an enhanced level of study for the college-bound student.

Honors Ninth Grade Lit./Comp

Grade Level: 9

Pre-requisite: Gifted identified

Credit: 1 English Unit

This course covers the content of the CP Ninth Lit/Comp course. This material will be complemented by extensive independent work by the student, who is given the responsibility for careful reading and interpretation of literature and for forming, presenting, and defending opinions about the material. Writing assignments are designed to stimulate thought and imagination and to challenge the student's ability to articulate ideas, knowledge, and understanding.

Tenth Grade Lit/Comp

Grade Level: 10

Credit: 1 English Unit

Offers opportunities to improve reading, writing, speaking, listening, and critical thinking skills through a study of authors and selections from world literature. Covers grammar, usage, and mechanics. Stresses vocabulary development.

Honors Tenth Grade Lit/Comp

Grade Level: 10

Pre-requisite: Gifted Identified**

Credit: 1 English Unit

This course covers the content of the CP Tenth Lit/Comp course. This material will be complemented by extensive independent work by the student, who is given the responsibility

for careful reading and interpretation of literature and for forming, presenting, and defending opinions about the material. Writing assignments are designed to stimulate thought and imagination and to challenge the student's ability to articulate ideas, knowledge, and understanding.

Multicultural Literature

Grade Level: 10 or 12

Credit: 1 English Unit

This non-traditional literature course focuses on the literature that emerges from a variety of cultural influences such as socio-economics, race, media, geography, and religion. The course is project-based with a strong emphasis on writing and presentations.

American Lit/Comp

Grade Level: 11

Credit: 1 English Unit

Offers opportunities to improve reading, writing, speaking, listening, and critical thinking skills through the study of American Literature. Stresses genres, themes, and chronology. Enhances the study of grammar, usage, mechanics, and writing skills; introduces research techniques. Offers an enhanced level of study for the college-bound student.

AP Lang / Comp

Grade Level: 11

Credit: 1 English Unit

The AP English Language and Composition course utilizes a chronological and thematic use of American Literature as a means of studying language and rhetoric. This course provides an opportunity for advanced high school students to pursue and receive credit for college-level course work completed at the high school level. As this is a college-level course, the rigors of the course will typify those of an introductory college-level composition class. Students are trained to be critical thinkers, readers, analysts of language, effective writers, and producers of argumentative writing. Students focus on the writing skills needed to be successful in the course and in their later college work. Students write effectively for a range of audience and a variety of purposes, demonstrate mastery of the conventions of standard written language, and use the steps of the writing process as needed.

English Lit/Comp

Grade Level: 12

Credit: 1 English Unit

Offers opportunities to improve reading, writing, speaking, listening, and thinking skills through the study of literary selections from British/English writers. Covers grammar, mechanics, and usage.

Honors English Lit/Comp

Grade Level: 12

Credit: 1 English Unit

This course covers the content of the English Lit/Comp course. This material will be complemented by extensive independent work by the student, who is given the responsibility for careful reading and interpretation of literature and for forming, presenting, and defending opinions about the material. Writing assignments are designed to stimulate thought and imagination and to challenge the student's ability to articulate ideas, knowledge, and understanding.

****The following course is considered a Journalism credit. It is taught by the same instructor during the same block.****

Journalism

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Prerequisite: Instructor Approval

Credit: 1 elective unit per semester

The *Blue Print* is the student-produced newspaper and The *Eidolon* is the student-produced yearbook. Students develop journalistic skills such as gathering news, copy writing, editing, and revising through the production of the newspaper. Additionally, students develop life skills such as organization and responsibility. They take total responsibility for the sale, design concept, and layout production of the yearbook. Meeting deadlines and getting layouts completed and to the plant on time teach important lessons in business and responsibility. The advisor is Mrs. Jeannie Jourolmon. Students must be preapproved by the advisor to enroll in this course.