

# ENGLISH



## English 9 & 10

English 9 and 10 are survey courses designed to prepare the students for life skills in reading, writing, and communicating. We will focus on writing, and reading for information and understanding and writing and reading for literacy and critical analysis. English 9 and 10 will include a variety of writing experiences in various rhetorical modes and a survey of world literature and American literature. The curriculum offers a variety of reading experiences through short stories, novels, plays, poetry, and non-fiction selections. Students will also complete a research paper at both grade levels. Oral presentations are also expected.

In addition to exploring multi-genre models, students will be immersed in themes and figures in world history in order to integrate with Global History so students can understand and see the relevancy.

Grade: 9 & 10

1 unit

Prerequisite: Previous year English

1 year

## English 11

The emphasis in English 11 is on writing and reading for information and understanding and writing and reading for literary response and critical analysis. Students also practice speaking skills through individual and group presentations. The curriculum offers a variety of reading experiences through short stories, novels, plays, poetry, and non-fiction selections. Students will be given the Common Core exam as their final exam.

Grade: 11

1 unit

Prerequisite: English 10

1 year

## English 12

Senior English is a continuation of the English 11 course. The course also includes a unit to help prepare students complete college applications and essays, resumes, and cover letters. The emphasis in reading and writing is on critical analysis and the development of critical thinking skills. Students also do research which they present in a paper and in a presentation to the class. Opportunities are given for group interaction and problem solving. Students refine their computer skills through word processing, researching, and developing presentation using the computer.

Grade: 12

1 unit

Prerequisite: English 11

1 year

## Public Speaking

This class will provide an introduction to communication skills with emphasis on informative, demonstrative, and persuasive speeches. There will be many activities which will provide the opportunity to prepare and present various types of speeches. Students will also be required to research and use MLA documentation.

Grades: 11-12

1/2 unit

Prerequisite: English 9 & 10

1 semester

## Historical Literature

The goal of this elective is to combine the best of our English Language Arts program, with the best of our History program to develop a course that will help students expand advanced skills in both areas. The goal of the class will be to access the wealth of literature that exists that focuses on important historical topics. The class affords the opportunity to examine a written work for its literary value, as well as placing it in the appropriate historical context. Students will have the opportunity to read and discuss important works of historical fiction that they would not have otherwise been exposed to. Many of these novels are used at the college level, and one of the major aims of the class is to provide students with experiences that will prepare them for the level of work they might experience in college. This is an upper level course which will require strong independent work ethic.

Grades: 11-12

1/2 unit

Prerequisite: English 9 & 10  
Global History

1 semester

## SAT/ACT Prep Class

The SAT/ACT Prep class will give students the opportunity to build vocabulary and to learn skills to better use context clues as they read. Students will work to improve their reading skills by identifying main ideas and details in paragraphs. Practice will also be given in on-demand writing tasks to help students quickly develop their ideas and express them with clarity, an economy of language and insight. Students will also do practice tests and analyze their own strengths and weaknesses. The goal is to better prepare students for college readiness, as well as improve scores on college entrance tests.

Grades: 10 & 11

1/2 unit

Spring semester

## AP English Literature and Composition

The AP English Literature and Composition course aligns to an introductory college-level literary analysis course. The course engages students in the close reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature to deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure. As they read, students consider a work's structure, style, and themes, as well as its use of figurative language, imagery, symbolism, and tone. Writing assignments include expository, analytical, and argumentative essays that require students to analyze and interpret literary works.

Grades: 12

1 unit

Prerequisite: English III

1 year

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