

English Language Arts

Basic Curriculum

English 9
English 10
English 11
English 12

College-Prep Curriculum

English 9
American Literature
English Literature
English 12

English 9 Required (1 credit)

A variety of literature will be covered in the reading of short stories, mythology, poetry, the novel, and drama. Students will also write short stories, poetry and essays. In addition, time will be spent on grammar, reading comprehension and increasing one's reading speed.

English 10 (1 credit)

Students will continue the exploration of literature with the various short stories, poems, novels, and plays read throughout the year. In addition, students will continue to refine their writing efforts with essays, poetry, and the completion of an MLA style research paper. There is also a continuation of strengthening skills in grammar, reading speed, comprehension and retention.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of English 9

American Literature (1 credit)

American Literature is the first course on a recommended college-bound curriculum. This course is designed to improve reading and writing skills through the study of the literature of America. Along with studying many forms of literature, students will write a variety of assignments with emphasis placed on the expository essay.

Prerequisite: Recommendation of previous English teacher; A or B in English 9 or English 10

There is a summer reading assignment required for this course.

ALL JUNIORS SHOULD BE ENROLLED IN EITHER ENGLISH LITERATURE OR ENGLISH 11.

English 11 (1 credit)

This is the third credit in the Basic English curriculum. Students will study the short story, drama, and novels and continue to refine their writing skills with emphasis on the persuasive essay.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of English 10 or American Literature.

English Literature (1 credit)

Students will study British Literature and literacy trends through short stories, poetry, essays, drama, and several novels. In addition, skills in written expression and logic will continue to be refined.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of American Literature

There is a summer reading assignment required for this course.

English 12 Required (1 credit)

English 12 is a course designed to help students develop and refine their written and oral communication skills. Students will research, write papers, and prepare a variety of speeches that express their ideas in a clear and concise manner.

Students will learn to write, outline, and present speeches as well as analyze an audience and evaluate the many forms of communication. Students will learn about the nature of communication including verbal and non-verbal communication and practice and refine their skills in persuasion, logic and listening.

Clubs/Organizations related to English

Language Arts Team

The Language Arts Team participates in three writing competitions September through November. Team members are given a prompt and a predetermined amount of time to write their paper(s). The group works as a team without the coach present to complete the assignment. Members may write as groups or individually. Events may include character sketch, journal writing, persuasive essays, etc. with poetry writing included every year. Members may participate in any or all events.

Those who enjoy writing, those who could be a good editor of someone else's paper, or those who have journals of poetry stashed away, should consider joining the Language Arts team.