

English Language Arts

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
English 9 (Pre-AP)	English 10 (Pre-AP)	AP Language & Comp. (AP) English 11 (H)	AP Literature & Comp. (AP) English 12 (H)
English 9 (CP4)	English 10 (CP4)	English 11 (CP4)	English 12 (CP4)
English 9 (CP2)	English 10 (CP2)	English 11 (CP2)	English 12 (CP2)

**Chart is organized by level.*

GRADE 9 ENGLISH COURSE OFFERINGS

Course descriptions are organized by course/level

English 9 (Pre-AP) (2 periods/full year)

1.0 credit

This pre-AP course will include a literature component in which the student will read, interpret and analyze various literary genres (including novels, plays, myths, selected short stories, and poems) at an accelerated pace and in greater depth. Emphasis will be on the application of literary elements. In addition, students will apply writing strategies and demonstrate mastery of English grammar. Students will develop critical thinking skills and must be able to work independently and collaboratively. Also, library/media and vocabulary skills will be taught to enhance the student's communication abilities. This course prepares students for the AP curriculum.

English 9 (CP4) (2 periods/full year)

1.0 credit

This course will include a literature component, in which the student will read, discuss, and write about various literary genres (including novels, plays, myths, selected short stories, and poems) with an emphasis on the application of literary elements. In addition, students will be applying process-writing strategies. Also, library/media and vocabulary skills will be taught to enhance the student's communication abilities.

English 9 (CP2) (2 periods/full year)

1.0 credit

This course includes a literature component, in which the student will read, discuss, and write about various literary genres (including novels, plays, myths, selected short stories, and poems) with an emphasis on the application of literary elements. In addition, students will be introduced to process writing strategies integrating the study of English grammar in response to the student's writing needs. Also, library/media and vocabulary skills will be taught to enhance the student's communication abilities.

GRADE 10 ENGLISH COURSE OFFERINGS

English 10 (Pre-AP) (2 periods/full year)

1.0 credit

This pre-AP course will include a literature component in which the student will read, interpret and analyze various literary genres (including novels, plays, myths, selected short stories, and poems) at an accelerated pace and in great depth. A general review of grammar and usage will be provided with an emphasis on skills needed to improve writing. Vocabulary development will be ongoing. Students will develop critical thinking skills and must be able to work independently and collaboratively. A review of library/media skills will be taught to enhance the student's communication skills. This course prepares students for the AP curriculum.

English 10 (CP4) (2 periods/full year)

1.0 credit

In this college-prep course, students will be introduced to a variety of literary works. Students will read, discuss, and write about various literary genres, including fiction and nonfiction, drama, selected short stories, poems and various novels. A general review of grammar and usage will be provided with an emphasis on skills needed to improve writing. Vocabulary development will be ongoing. A review of library/media skills will be taught to enhance the student's general communication skills.

English 10 (CP2) (2 periods/full year)

1.0 credit

In this college-prep course, students will be introduced to a variety of literary works. Students will read, discuss, and write about various literary genres, including fiction and nonfiction, drama, selected short stories, poems and various novels. A general review of grammar and usage will be provided with an emphasis on skills needed to improve writing. Vocabulary development will be ongoing. A review of library/media skills will be taught to enhance the student's communication skills.

GRADE 11 ENGLISH COURSE OFFERINGS

AP Language & Composition (2 periods/full year)

1.0 credit

Prerequisite: **Successful completion of grade 10 English (CP4 or H).**

The AP Language and Composition course is a college-level rhetoric course designed to prepare students for analytical, argumentative, and expository writing, and to teach students the importance of these modes as a "basis of academic and professional communication, as well as the personal and reflective writing that fosters the development of writing facility in any context." The course is organized by modes of discourse encompassing the three specified categories of writing and including a variety of literature selections, primarily non-fiction. Upon completion of this course students should be able to identify and explain an author's use of rhetorical strategies and techniques as they analyze and interpret samples of good writing, create and sustain arguments based on reading and/or research, demonstrate understanding and mastery of standard written English as well as stylistic maturity in their own writings, produce expository and argumentative compositions that introduce a complex central idea and develop it with appropriate, specific evidence, and finally, move effectively through the stages of the writing process with careful attention to inquiry and research, drafting, revising, editing, and review. Students will be required to take and pay for the AP exam at the end of the year. Students passing the AP exam with a score of 3-5 receive college credit at most universities.

English 11 (H) (2 periods/full year)

1.0 credit

This honors course includes a literature component based on various themes and novels of various genres. Special focus will be on reading comprehension, analytical and argumentative writing skills, and the application of literary elements and rhetorical strategies in great depth. Students will be expected to work at an accelerated pace. Students will develop and apply critical thinking skills and must be able to work independently and collaboratively. Timed writing assignments are regularly administered. Reading, writing, listening, speaking, problem-solving and vocabulary skills are fostered.

English 11 (CP4) (2 periods/full year)

1.0 credit

This college-prep course includes a literature component based on an anthology and on novels of various genres. Focus will be on reading appreciation as well as the application and interpretation of literary elements. Students will develop and integrate critical thinking skills. Reading, writing, listening, speaking, problem-solving and vocabulary skills are fostered.

English 11 (CP2) (2 periods/full year)

1.0 credit

This college-prep course includes a literature component based on an anthology and on novels of various genres. The focus will be on reading appreciation as well as the application and interpretation of literary elements. Students will be introduced to critical thinking skills and encouraged to integrate them throughout the year. Reading, writing, listening, speaking, problem-solving and vocabulary skills are fostered.

GRADE 12 ENGLISH COURSE OFFERINGS

AP Literature & Composition (2 periods/full year)

1.0 credit

Prerequisite: **Successful completion of grade 11 English (CP4 or higher)**

The AP English Literature and Composition course is designed to engage students in the careful reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature. Through the close reading of selected texts, students can deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure for their readers. As they read, students should consider a work's structure, style, and themes, as well as such smaller-scale elements as the use of figurative language, imagery, symbolism, and tone. This course is a rigorous college-level course. The reading is challenging, the writing is frequent, and requires an independent mind. Students will be expected to read at an increased complexity and sophistication. The student will conduct extensive analysis and interpretation of writing and demonstrate an understanding and mastery of standard written English. Students will also produce lengthy papers that introduce a complex central idea with sustaining arguments and exercise research skills, drafting, revising, and peer editing. Students will be required to take and pay for the AP exam at the end of the year. Students passing the AP exam with a score of 3-5 receive college credit at most universities.

English 12 (H) (2 periods/full year)

1.0 credit

In this honors course, students will be required to read, interpret, and analyze a wide range of classic and contemporary literature in great depth. A variety of writing applications, project-based activities, and alternative assessments are incorporated at an accelerated pace. Students will develop and apply critical thinking skills and must be able to work independently and collaboratively. Vocabulary instruction will be ongoing.

English 12 (CP4) (2 periods/full year)

1.0 credit

This college-prep course is designed to expose the student to a wide range of classic and contemporary literature. Students will be required to read, interpret, and analyze literature of various genres. Students will also develop and integrate critical thinking skills. A variety of writing applications, project-based activities, and alternative assessments is incorporated. Vocabulary instruction will be ongoing.

English 12 (CP2) (2 periods/full year)

1.0 credit

This college-prep course is designed to expose the student to a wide range of classic and contemporary literature. Students will be required to read and interpret literature of various genres. A variety of writing applications, project-based activities, and alternative assessments is incorporated. Vocabulary instruction will be ongoing.