

LANGUAGE ARTS

Course Title	Course #	Credit	Level	Prerequisite	NCAA
ENGLISH I	50300 S1	0.5	9	None	Yes
ENGLISH I	50300 S2	0.5	9	English I S1	Yes
Workbooks: \$18.00	This yearlong course is designed to help students transition to the high school English program by refining and strengthening reading, writing, and communication skills. It gives students the opportunity to develop an understanding and appreciation of world literature. Students will study literature through the genres of a novel, drama, short story, non-fiction, and poetry, as well as through common themes. The study of grammar, usage, and mechanics will be integrated with students' writing. Homework plays an essential role in the course, along with the study of vocabulary. <i>Meets Graduation Requirements in: Language Arts.</i>				
ENGLISH I HONORS	50310 S1	0.5	9	See Below	Yes
ENGLISH I HONORS	50310 S2	0.5	9	See Below	Yes
Workbooks: \$18.00, plus Cost of Novels	Prerequisite: Proficient or advanced CSAP writing and reading scores; 9th grade reading levels; 2 A's or 1 A & 1 B content knowledge and work habits grades in 8th Grade Language Arts each quarter or at least 2 B's in 8th Grade Discovery Language Arts each quarter. This yearlong accelerated course includes the literature and writing experiences of English I at an accelerated level. The course is intended for students capable of a challenging curriculum, and it provides a strong foundation for subsequent Honors and Advanced Placement English classes. In Honors English I, students will be expected to handle a greater amount of assigned reading than in English I and will compose more sophisticated essays, including the critical analysis essay and persuasive essay. Honors English I students will also study vocabulary. Homework is an essential part of the course, and students will be expected to complete summer reading in preparation for the school year. <i>Meets Graduation Requirements in: Language Arts</i>				
ENGLISH II	50330 S1	0.5	10	English I	Yes
ENGLISH II	50330 S2	0.5	10	English II, S1	Yes
Workbooks: \$18.00, plus Cost of Novels	Prerequisite: Completion of English I. English II is a yearlong course intended to help students strengthen their writing, reading, and communication skills. Students will study the six eras in American literature. They will also explore the genres of novel, short story, non-fiction, poetry, essay, speeches, and drama. In addition, students will be expected to successfully complete a major research project; multi-paragraph, thesis-driven essays, critical analysis essays, essay tests, and first person, narrative accounts. Homework plays an essential role in the course, along with the study of vocabulary. <i>Meets Graduation Requirements in: Language Arts</i>				
ENGLISH II HONORS	50340 S1	0.5	10	See Below	Yes
ENGLISH II HONORS	50340 S2	0.5	10	See Below	Yes
Workbooks: \$18.00, plus Cost of Novels	Prerequisite: Students must earn an A or B in English I Honors or an A in English I in order to be automatically admitted into the course. Students not meeting this requirement may test into the course. See your current English teacher for information on testing dates and times. This yearlong accelerated course includes much of the literature, vocabulary study, and writing experiences of English II, but at an accelerated level (reading assignments, homework, and complexity of writing will be augmented). This course is intended for students capable of a challenging curriculum and provides a strong foundation for subsequent Advanced Placement English classes. In addition, the study of grammar, usage and mechanics will be integrated with students writing. In addition to the increased homework load, Honors English II students will be expected to complete summer reading in preparation for the school year. <i>Meets Graduation Requirements in: Language Arts.</i>				
WORLD LITERATURE & COMPOSITION	50571 S1	0.5	11	See Below	Yes
WORLD LITERATURE & COMPOSITION	50571 S2	0.5	11	See Below	Yes
Workbook: \$18.00, plus Cost of Novels	Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation and successful completion of English I and English II. This challenging yearlong course is designed for college bound students. Students will develop a better understanding of the world through its literature – past and present. Composition, interwoven throughout the study of diverse literature, will be designed to help students write with clarity and effectiveness to better prepare them for a variety of college writing situations. The building of vocabulary through Vocabulary Workshop will also be incorporated with the wide ranging scope of literature. In addition, all students will complete a senior research project designed to deepen their understanding of world literature. The study of grammar, usage, and mechanics will be integrated with the students' writing. Out of class work is an essential component of the course. <i>Meets Graduation Requirements in: Language Arts.</i>				

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YOUNG ADULT LIT & COMPOSITION	50575 S1	0.5	11	See Below	Yes
YOUNG ADULT LIT & COMPOSITION	50575 S2	0.5	11	See Below	Yes
Workbook: \$18.00, plus Cost if Novels	Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation and successful completion of English I and English II. This course is designed to build reading competency by employing strategies to increase reading comprehension and enjoyment and to help students become more confident writers. Students will read a variety of high-interest fiction and non-fiction works, including self-selected texts. Emphasis is placed on student response to literature through class discussion, literary analysis, written personal response, and creative writing. Students will also complete research projects. The study of vocabulary, grammar usage, and conventions will be integrated through the student's writing. Texts include: Athletic Shorts, Speak, Fences, The Bean Trees, Montana 1948, Whirligig, and non-fiction selections. <i>Meets Graduation Requirements in: Language Arts.</i>				
BRITISH LITERATURE / COMPOSITION	50580 S1	0.5	12	None	Yes
BRITISH LITERATURE / COMPOSITION	50580 S2	0.5	12	None	Yes
Cost of Novels	In this challenging survey of British literature, students will read and analyze a wide variety of British authors while learning about British culture, history, and the impact of British thought on the culture, history, and thinking of the United States. Considerable emphasis is placed on student response to literature through classroom discussion and writing assignments. <i>Meets Graduation Requirements in: Language Arts.</i>				
CONTEMP LITERATURE & COMPOSITION	50461 S1	0.5	12	See Below	Yes
CONTEMP LITERATURE & COMPOSITION	50461 S2	0.5	12	See Below	Yes
Cost of Novels	Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation and successful completion of English I, English II, and a junior level English course. This yearlong course includes a mix of contemporary and classical literature. Students will participate in analytic reading and examination of effective models for writing, while learning to write clearly and effectively for a variety of college and career environments. <i>Meets Graduation Requirements in: Language Arts.</i>				
GLOBAL LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION	50910 S1	0.5	12	See Below	Yes
GLOBAL LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION	50910 S2	0.5	12	See Below	Yes
Cost of Novels	Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation and successful completion of English I, English II, and a junior level English course. This course emphasizes the critical reading and analysis of classical authors, poets, and dramatists. This course teaches students to write clearly and effectively for a variety of college and career environments while continuing to increase vocabulary and grammatical skills. Texts include: Ethan Fromme, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, A Separate Peace, Brave New World, and Hamlet. <i>Meets Graduation Requirements in: Language Arts.</i>				
CREATIVE WRITING	50470	0.5	11-12	English II	Yes
	This course focuses on the creative genres of writing: poetry, fiction and drama. Students are taught structures and models from each genre and are then assigned various writing activities within the genres. Students are also expected to engage in extensive critiquing, editing, and rewriting activities. Writers are encouraged to share their writing with classmates. <i>Meets Graduation Requirements in: Language Arts.</i>				
YEARBOOK	50420 S1	0.5	9-12	See Below	Yes
YEARBOOK	50420 S2	0.5	9-12	See Below	Yes
	Prerequisite: Teacher approval, application, and minimum requirements as detailed on application. Application located at end of course guide. During this yearlong course students will plan, write, and produce the school yearbook. Students will practice and learn journalism skills such as interviewing, writing, revising, editing, layout and design, and photography. Students will be expected to sell and design advertising, as well as compose captions, headlines and stories. This course requires students to be available after school. <i>Meets Graduation Requirements in: Elective.</i>				

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NEWSPAPER	50413 S1	0.5	10-12	See Below	Yes
NEWSPAPER	50413 S2	0.5	10-12	See Below	Yes
	Prerequisite: Teacher approval, application, and minimum requirements as detailed on application. Application located on the last page of this section. During this yearlong course students will plan, write, layout and produce the high school newspaper. Students will write for each issue while also developing and printing photographs, selling and designing advertising, creating headlines, preparing billing and maintaining a simple bookkeeping system. <i>Meets Graduation Requirements in: Elective.</i>				
PUBLIC SPEAKING	50700	0.5	9-12	Teacher Approval	Yes
	This course is to prepare students for the variety of speaking situations they will inevitably encounter in their academic and professional careers. Emphasis is placed on improving confidence and self-esteem while developing and practicing communication skills. By giving presentations to the class students will learn presentation techniques, organizational patterns, use of evidence and research and listening skills. <i>Meets Graduation Requirements in: Elective.</i>				
INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION	50650	0.5	11-12	None	Yes
	This course is recommended for students with average to low English skills. Students read, write and interact to identify and experiment with effective communication strategies. Concepts studied include: increasing self-awareness, improving perception and listening skills, identifying and expressing emotions clearly, and resolving conflicts in interpersonal relationships. <i>Meets Graduation Requirements in: Elective.</i>				
COMPETITIVE SPEECH	50720	0.5	9-12	Teacher Approval	Yes
Tournament Expenses	For this course, Saturday tournament attendance is required. In this course students will work on the development of skills used in individual competitive speech events. Students will study extemporaneous and impromptu speaking, oratory, and interpretation of poetry, drama and humor, and duo interpretation of literature. <i>Meets Graduation Requirements in: Elective.</i>				

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

AP LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION	50390 S1	0.5	11	See Below	Yes
AP LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION	50390 S2	0.5	11	See Below	Yes
Fee: AP Exam \$86.00 Cost of Novels	Prerequisite: Students must earn an A or B in English II Honors or an A in English II. Students not meeting this requirement may test into the course. A college-level reading ability and a firm grasp of grammar and composition are recommended. This accelerated year-long course prepares students for the AP Language and Composition exam through reading and analysis of classic literature and non-fiction essays in addition to polishing critical thinking and writing skills. Students who pass the AP exam may earn college credit, therefore, the degree of difficulty is high. Qualities of AP include a mature perspective (global and historical), an analytical voice, a flow to the writing and organizational structure, and correctness in grammar. Students will learn to analyze diction, syntax, and figures of speech as part of the deconstruction of language, and will understand rhetorical strategies in the context of public discourse. They will be expected to complete summer reading in preparation for the course. <i>Meets Graduation Requirements in: Language Arts.</i>				
AP LITERATURE & COMPOSITION	50400 S1	0.5	11-12	See Below	Yes
AP LITERATURE & COMPOSITION	50400 S2	0.5	11-12	See Below	Yes
Fee: AP Exam \$86.00 Cost of Novels	Prerequisite: Students must earn an A or a B in AP Language & Composition or an A in Young Adult or World Literature. Students not meeting this requirement may test into the course. See your English teacher for information on testing dates and times. A college-level reading ability and a firm grasp of grammar and composition are recommended for success in this course. This accelerated yearlong course prepares students for the AP Literature and Composition exam through reading and analysis of classic literature (primarily world literature) and non-fiction essays, and students have the opportunity to polish critical thinking and writing skills. Because students who pass the AP exam may earn college credit, the degree of difficulty is high. Students use both a writing process approach and a timed writing approach in order to build fluency, control, and effectiveness in their writing, and they will be expected to complete summer reading in preparation for the course. <i>Meets Graduation Requirements in: Language Arts.</i>				