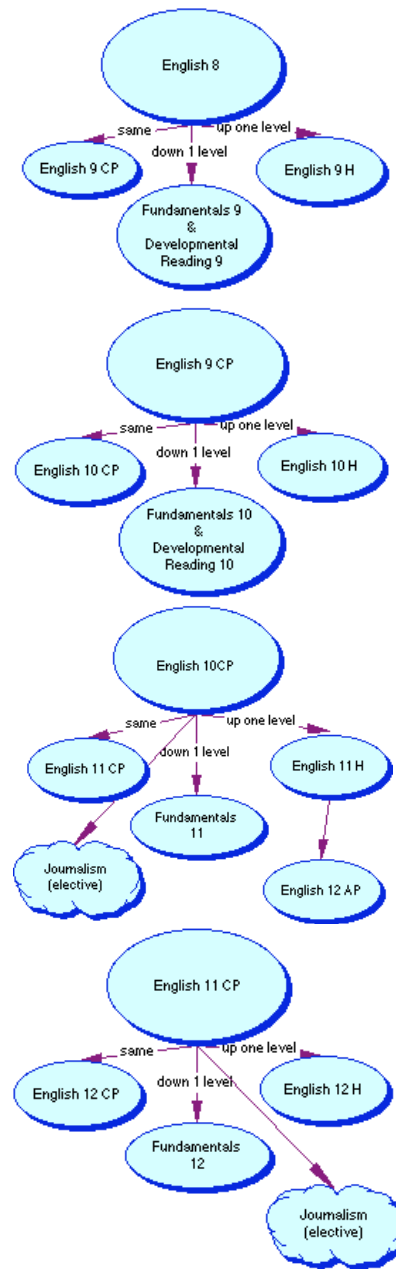


Journalism Grades 10-12 Elective

- Conduct interviews, design newspaper pages, write captions and write headlines
- Examine many forms of writing, including news writing, feature writing, sports writing, and review writing
- Interview a variety of sources
- Execute layout of *Ghostwriter*, the student newspaper
- Secure advertisements for *Ghostwriter*

SAT Preparation Grades 10-11 Elective

- Develop test-taking strategies geared toward the SAT
- Strengthen writing skills by completing timed essays that demonstrate precise use of language, logical presentation of ideas, development of a point of view, and clarity of expression



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English College Preparatory Grade 11

- Acquire, understand and use new vocabulary
- Study American literature in historical and thematic contexts
- Explore the American identity through the study of varied experiences and perspectives
- Comprehend and analyze major thematic issues examined through American literature
- Write essays of literary analysis based on research of the American Dream
- Participate in individual or group presentations
- Demonstrate an understanding of English grammar and standard English conventions for punctuation, capitalization, and spelling in all writing

English Honors Grade 11

- Acquire, understand and use new vocabulary
- Study American literature in historical and thematic contexts to understand the philosophical and social issues that shape American literature
- Comprehend and analyze major thematic issues examined through American literature
- Write a research paper or develop a project based on the analysis of some aspect of American literature
- Advance poetry analysis skills by explicating a variety of poems
- Demonstrate a proficiency in the grammatical areas of coordination and subordination, clear reference, placement of modifiers, parallel structure, and sentence variety

English College Preparatory Grade 12

- Acquire, understand, and use new vocabulary
- Study world literature in historical and thematic contexts

- Explore the essential themes in literature
- Demonstrate the ability to pose appropriate questions, to listen to the ideas of others, and to contribute information and ideas in large and small discussion groups
- Study the personal essay as a literary form and write sample college essays showing a consideration for different audiences and purposes
- Research a topic that is relevant to the literature
- Demonstrate the ability to write coherent essays and compositions with clear controlling ideas and adequate descriptive details
- Plan and organize a formal oral presentation
- Demonstrate proficiency of English grammar and standard English conventions, working on grammar and usage through individual writing

English Honors Grade 12

- Acquire, understand, and use new vocabulary
- Study world literature in historical and thematic contexts in order to understand the philosophical and social issues that shape world literature
- Explore the essential themes in literature
- Demonstrate the ability to pose appropriate questions, to listen to the ideas of others, and to contribute information and ideas in large and small discussion groups
- Research a topic that is relevant to the literature
- Demonstrate the ability to distinguish between facts, opinions, inferences, and unfounded assertions when writing a research paper
- Translate abstract ideas into concrete perceptions through writing, demonstrating fluency, flexibility, and elaboration
- Demonstrate the ability to write coherent essays and compositions with clear controlling ideas and adequate descriptive details
- Study the personal essay as a literary form and write sample college essays showing a consideration for different audiences and purposes
- Demonstrate a mastery of English grammar and standard English conventions

Advanced Placement English Grade 12

- Engage in careful reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature
- Examine a work's structure, style, and themes as well as smaller scale items such as the use of figurative language, imagery, symbolism, tone, etc.
- Explore the essential themes in literature
- Research a topic that is relevant to the literature
- Develop writing styles that allow them to explain clearly, cogently, and elegantly what they understand about literary works and why they interpret them as they do
- Demonstrate written prose that is clear, coherent, organized and persuasive
- Demonstrate a thorough and exact knowledge of literary terms, including elements of style, rhetorical devices and figurative language by applying them to their literary analysis
- Demonstrate an understanding of literary criticism

These objectives are drawn directly from *The Advanced Placement Program Guidelines for English Literature and Composition*