

English

Advanced Composition

Prerequisite: American Literature and British Literature survey courses

Grade: 12

Credit: 1 unit

Offered: Andrew Jackson, Buford, Indian Land, Lancaster

You'll improve your writing skills as you study the writing process and the importance of transitions, parallelism, diction, clarity and coherence.

You'll concentrate on more advanced composition skills and build sentence skills to improve the effectiveness of your writing.

Creative Writing 1

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Credit: 1 unit

Offered: Andrew Jackson, Indian Land

You'll read and analyze excellent examples of short drama, poetry, short stories, journals and essays as models for your own writing.

You'll then write your own short plays, poems, short stories, journals and essays. You'll analyze, critique and discuss works by established writers and your peers.

You'll complete weekly one-on-one conferences with the instructor, original writing submissions, daily journal entries, written and oral critique of peers' work and assigned textbook exercises.

This course is an elective and cannot count as a required English course.

Creative Writing 2

Prerequisite: Completion of Creative Writing 1 with a C or higher

Grades: 10-12

Credit: 1 unit

Offered: Andrew Jackson, Indian Land

You'll take the basic writing techniques you've

learned and expand on them, refining your own craft.

You'll ultimately contribute to the production of a schoolwide literary magazine.

College Preparatory

English 1, 2, 3, 4

Prerequisite: Successful completion of preceding course in sequence

Grades: 9-12

Credit: 1 unit each

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You'll face challenging experiences in reading, writing and speaking.

As you study literature, you'll develop analytical and creative writing skills. You'll also learn vocabulary and test-taking techniques to build standardized test-taking skills.

You'll write frequently with instruction in clarity, organization, purpose and content, and you'll study grammar to improve your writing skills. You may be required to do a research paper.

You'll study literature by theme or by time period, with emphasis on reading and discussing novels, stories, plays, poetry and non-fiction. You'll also have a chance to study multi-cultural literature.

English 1 Pre AP

Prerequisite: Recommendation based on district criteria

Grade: 8

Credit: 1 ELA unit

Offered: All middle schools

You'll do an in-depth study of grammar, composition and literary genres to give you an introduction to the English Pre AP program.

If you meet district criteria at the end of the course, you'll earn one English credit and be eligible to enter English 2 Pre AP in the ninth grade.

Pre-AP/Honors

English 2, 3, 4 - Pre AP

Prerequisite: District criteria, academic performance, teacher recommendation

Grades: 9-12

Credit: 1 unit each

Offered: Andrew Jackson, Buford, Indian Land, Lancaster

If you're academically talented, Pre AP English will prepare you for AP English in the 12th grade.

The curriculum is advanced and may cover material one year earlier than college prep curriculum does.

You'll study grammar to improve your writing and read and analyze major literary works to build higher-level thinking skills. Your emphasis will be extensive reading and analysis of literature.

Your writings will include analytical compositions as well as descriptive, expository, narrative and persuasive essays. Summer reading may be required.

Your English 4 unit, depending on your school, may be Advanced Composition or English AP.

English AP - Language & Composition

Prerequisite: English 2 Pre AP

Grade: 11

Credit: 1 unit

Offered: Andrew Jackson, Buford, Indian Land, Lancaster

You'll develop skills to help you write about subjects across the curriculum. You'll focus on audience and purpose as you craft expository, analytical and argumentative compositions.

You'll learn to use primary and secondary sources as you synthesize ideas in your writing.

If you score a 3 or greater on the AP exam, you may earn college credits.

You will be required to take an introductory course.

English AP - Literature & Composition

Prerequisite: English 3 Pre AP

Grade: 12

Credit: 1 unit

Offered: Andrew Jackson, Buford, Indian Land, Lancaster

You'll form and defend your own opinions orally and in writing as you study major works of world literature.

You'll work on analytical skills that are tested on the AP exam. Extensive summer reading may be required.

If you score 3 or greater on the AP exam, you may earn 3-6 hours of college credit.

You will be required to take an introductory AP course.

Literacy Ready

Prerequisite: None

Grade: 12

Credit: 1 unit

Offered: Andrew Jackson, Buford, Indian Land, Lancaster

You'll develop and defend ideas from textbooks and write about them in college-level formats.

Public Speaking

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9-12

Credit: 1 unit

Offered: Andrew Jackson, Indian Land, Lancaster

You'll work to improve your speech and learn to use gestures and visual aids effectively as you practice enunciation and delivery of speeches you research and write.

You may be asked to enter contests that could earn you college scholarships or other recognition.