

English courses are designed to help students develop their skills in reading, writing, speaking/listening and viewing/representing. In all English courses a variety of resources are used to promote skills and strategies for reading and to develop proficiency in oral and written communication. All areas of the English program foster development in intellectual analysis, personal assessment and peer collaboration. In addition, focus on community awareness and cultural diversity is an integral component of the English program.

JUNIOR COURSES OFFERED

English 8

English 9

English 10: Students take two of the following courses (2 credits each):

**Literary Studies 10; Composition 10; Creative Writing 10;
Oral Language 10; New Media 10**

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ELL Level 1 / ELL Level 2

ELL Literacy Dynamics 8, 9

These courses are designed to further support ESL students with reading and writing literacy skills; students will be enrolled in regular English class as well. Students will receive focused instruction to learn basic writing skills and reading strategies such as those found in *Reading 44* and *S.M.A.R.T. Reading*. Strategies will focus on multidiscipline content, so students can apply the learned skills to all subject areas.

Tracked English 8, 9

These courses provide a supportive function whereby vocabulary, reading and writing abilities receive substantial attention. The courses utilize a student-focused pace and stress the repetition of important meanings and literary terminology. The focus is on written and spoken grammatical construction.

Language Adapted Literary Studies 10 and Language Adapted Composition 10 (2 credits each)

This course designed for ELL provides a supportive function whereby vocabulary, reading and writing abilities receive substantial attention. The course utilizes a

student-focused pace and stresses the repetition of important meanings and literary terminology. The focus is on written and spoken grammatical construction. Students receive credit for English 10.

SENIOR COURSES OFFERED

English 11

English 12 (Provincial Examination—40% of course mark)

English 11/12 Full Year

This course is designed for International and ELL students in Grade 12 who are looking to complete English 11 and 12 in one full year. Students would complete English 11 during the first half of the school year (September to January) and English 12 during the second half (February to June). **THIS IS A SEMESTER COURSE:** students would need to attend their English class every day.

Composition 11

This course is designed to further support ELL students with reading and writing literacy skills; students will be enrolled in regular English class or Language Adapted English 10 as well. Students will receive focused instruction to learn basic writing skills and reading strategies such as those found in *Reading 44* and *S.M.A.R.T. Reading*. Strategies will focus on multidiscipline content, so students can apply the learned skills to all subject areas.

Writing 12

The emphasis in this enriched course is on creative writing. The goals are to refine skills and to experiment with different creative forms – for example: poetry, children’s literature, and fiction. At the end of the year, students compile a portfolio of their work.

Academic Reading & Writing 12

This course is intended for students planning to attend college or university. It offers considerable practice in writing using post-secondary writing formats including the formal essay, critical review research papers, and research documentation. It also challenges students with advanced reading material to encourage idea development and critical ability.

English Literature 12/English 11 Enriched

This survey course addresses English literature from the sixth to the twentieth centuries. The course will give students an understanding of social history and western philosophy as reflected in the works of major writers from each period. English Literature 12 is highly recommended for students who are considering post-secondary where competence in English is required. Students also receive credit for English 11.

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Course Offerings

Communications 12 (Provincial Examination)

This course is for students who are not proceeding directly to a university or university transfer program. It builds upon learning attained in all previous grades. The literature focus is on appreciation rather than analysis. The writing focus is practical. Speaking, listening, and viewing skills are addressed. Discussion and writing about issues significant to young adults are included. Students write the Communications 12 Provincial exam which is worth 40% of the final mark

ENRICHED COURSES

English 8 Enriched

This course is designed to prepare students for their journey through the Enriched program, eventually leading to AP/Enriched English 12. Students will review basic paragraph structure, learn how to write an essay, and study various forms of academic literature.

English 9 Enriched

This course continues to build on the skills acquired in English 8 Enriched. Some course content focuses at the English 10 level. Students will develop increased sophistication and appreciation for various forms of academic literature.

Literary Studies 10 and Composition 10 Enriched

This course covers an enriched English 10 curriculum and is designed for motivated, mature, independent English students who are prepared for a deeper exploration of content. The choice of novels, short stories and poetry is geared for an advanced level. This course is designed to lead into the AP English course.

English 12 Enriched (Advanced Placement)

This is a higher-level English course equivalent to a first-year university program. Topics include analytical and critical approaches to works reflecting the major literary genres of poetry, short fiction, novel, drama, and non-fiction essays. The course includes a significant sight reading/response component to help students prepare for the AP exam. Literature 12 is a recommended prerequisite for this course, although it may be taken concurrently. Students who take this course are eligible to write their Provincial Exam in January--worth 40% of the final mark.

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