INCOMING 9TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT
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ENGLISH LEVELS

1. HONORS ENGLISH I
2. ACADEMIC ENGLISH I
3. ENGLISH I

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?
This course is for students who have recently exited the middle school ELL program. It is not an ESL course. This basic skills course is a transition course that helps students to improve their English language skills while studying literature. It is a 5 credit course. Students will receive instruction in reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing. At the end of the course, the teacher will recommend the next appropriate English level. This course may be taken in addition to a skills lab.
DIFFERENCES

LITERATURE and NON FICTION STUDIED BEYOND THE CORE

PACING OF THE COURSE

ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS (WRITING, HOMEWORK, TESTS, PROJECTS, OUTSIDE READING)

HONORS MUST BE INDEPENDENT, SELF-MOTIVATED LEARNERS

SKILLS REQUIRED
WHAT IS THE CRITERIA USED IN PLACEMENT FOR FRESHMAN ENGLISH & SOCIAL STUDIES?
English & Social Studies Placement Criteria

- An average of literature & language or social studies grade
- Mid-year timed writing assessment
- Mid-year literature assessment
- Informational multiple choice comprehension assessment
- Teacher checklist

MULTIPLE MEASURES

A student’s proficiency in:

- comprehension,
- analysis,
- synthesis,
- application,
- writing mechanics,
- along with checklist of a student’s on-going performance in class.
What makes up the teacher’s checklist?

✓ Completes assignments thoroughly and accurately
✓ Meets deadlines
✓ Demonstrates listening skills
✓ Participates proactively in class discussions
✓ Demonstrates ability to analyze literature and support an argument
✓ Demonstrates mastery of grammar and mechanics in writing
✓ Motivated independent worker
What reading and literature will be studied?
## Major Works of Core Literature

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What are the requirements for the Summer Reading Assignment?
• Reading task of 1 or more books. Assignment due on the first day of school. A Writing assessment to be given within the first month of school.

• Book choices and assignment will be on district website by the end of May.
Can students move to another level the following year?

• If the student meets prerequisite grade of an 90 average in English I, they can move to Academic English II.

or

• If the student meets prerequisite grade of an 93 average in Academic English I, they can move to Honors English II.
What electives are available to 9th grade students?

- **Journalism for the 21st Century**
- **Or**
- **Writing for Film and Media in the 21st Century**
English Electives offered beyond grade 9:

➢ Creative Writing I & II
➢ Comedy in Film and Television
➢ Three different Public Speaking Courses
➢ Internet and Newspaper Journalism (offered every semester)
➢ Introduction to Film
➢ Sports in Literature and Film
➢ Yearbook I & Yearbook II
AP COURSES

❖ Advanced Placement III
Language and Composition
❖ Advanced Placement IV
Literature and Composition
❖ English IV College Composition
SOCIAL STUDIES Program

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Required course for all 9th graders
Updated and revised to promote student interest and civic involvement
Connects to current issues
What topics will be studied?
The Constitution

Branches of Government
Powers of Each Branch
Checks & Balances
Citizenship and Elections
The Responsibilities of Citizenship
The Political Process:
● Local
● State
● National
Political Parties and Candidates
• The Bill of Rights
• Freedom of Speech
• Freedom of Religion
• Search & Seizure
• The Justice System
• The Death Penalty
The Role of Government in the Economy

- Fiscal Policy
- The Treasury
- The Federal Budget
- The Federal Debt
- Taxation and Spending
- The Business Cycle
- Inflation
- Trade Policy
- The Meltdown of 2008
Can students move to another level the following year?

- If the student meets prerequisite grade of an 90 average in American Government, they can move to Academic US History.

  Or

  - If the student meets prerequisite grade of an 93 average in Academic American Government, they can move to Honors US History.
Transitional American Government and US History

- Transitional courses are offered for English Language Learners.
- Instruction is differentiated to meet the needs of the students.
- Courses are alternated each year and do not have to be taken in sequence.
- Transitional US History will be offered in 2016-17.
- 9th graders may take this course.
- Fulfills NJ State graduation requirements.
Elective Courses?
While there are no 9th grade Social Studies electives, students should consider…
• Honors students may qualify to move into AP US History in 10th Grade
• Must meet prerequisite
• 90% in Honors American Government
• 85% Honors English
• This fulfills the 10th grade US History requirement
Other AP Courses
Grades 11 & 12

- AP Comparative Government and Politics
- AP US Government and Politics
- AP European History
- AP Psychology
• Anthropology
• American Justice
• Genocide
• Holocaust
• IPLE

• Perspectives on 911
• Psychology
• Race, Gender and Class
• Sociology
• Vietnam
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