



# Language Arts

Welcome to the course list offered by the CHS language arts department! Our courses cover writing strategies and reading comprehension strategies, and they expose students to classic literature as well as modern young adult literature in a variety of formats. Graphic novels? Check. Classic literature? Check. Technological resources? Check. Through our well- rounded, diverse, and interactive classes, we provide students with the skills they will use at any post high school job or school while instilling a solid background of literature and writing. All students willing to challenge themselves in extra rigorous courses are encouraged to take Honors/Advanced Placement selections.

Possible careers include: journalists, communications majors, lawyers, managers, writers, teachers, politicians, etc.



# LANGUAGE ARTS

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade			
	Path #1	Path #2	Path #3
Semester 1	General English 9A	English 9A	Honors English 9A
Semester 2	General English 9B	English 9B	Honors English 9B
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade			
	Path #1	Path #2	Path #3
Semester 1	General English 10A	English 10A	Honors English 10A
Semester 2	General English 10B	English 10B	Honors English 10B
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade			
	Path #1	Path #2	Path #3
Semester 1	English 11A	American Literature	AP Lang & Comp A
Semester 2	English 11B	World Literature (20/21) British Literature (21/22)	AP Lang & Comp B
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade			
	Path #1	Path #2	Path #3
Semester 1	English 12A	World Literature (20/21) British Literature (21/22)	AP Lit & Comp A
Semester 2	English 12B	Dramatic Literature (20/21) Creative Writing (21/22)	AP Lit & Comp B



# LANGUAGE ARTS COURSE OFFERINGS

Below is a listing of courses offered through the Language Arts Department. The graph indicates the course title, the grades that a student can take the offering, and the prerequisites for taking the class.

	Semesters	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Prerequisite Courses
General English 9	2	X				8th grade English
English 9	2	X				8th grade English or 8th grade honors English
Honors English 9	2	X				8 <sup>th</sup> grade honors English
General English 10	2		X			General English 9 or English 9
English 10	2		X			English 9 or Honors English 9
Honors English 10	2		X			English 9 or Honors English 9
General English 11	2			X		General English 10 or English 10
American Literature	1			X		English 10 or Honors English 10
British Literature <i>2021-2022</i>	1			X	X	English 10 or Honors English 10
World Literature <i>2020-2021</i>	1			X	X	American Literature and British Literature or AP Language and Composition
Advanced Placement English – Language and Composition	2			X		English 10 or Honors English 10
General English 12	2				X	General English 11 or American Literature and British/World Literature
Creative Writing <i>2021-2022</i>	1				X	American Literature and British/World Literature or AP Language and Composition
Dramatic Literature and Film <i>2020-2021</i>	1				X	American Literature and British/World Literature or AP Language and Composition
Advanced Placement English – Literature and Composition	2				X	American Literature and British/World Literature or AP Language and Composition





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**ENGLISH 10****Grade:** 10 **Semesters:** 2 **Credits:** 2**Prerequisites:** English 9 or Honors English 9

**Course Description:** This two semester honors-level language arts course centers around intensive reading and writing curriculum that utilizes works from ancient mythology and classic Roman stories and novels to instruct students in writing, reading both fiction and nonfiction, and speaking and listening. Students will be required to demonstrate rigorous understanding of various writing styles with special emphasis on informational writing. Students are expected to complete assignments outside of class. The first semester is supplemented with additional novels, plays, and compositions. The second semester utilizes novels and works from multiple ethnic groups and cultures (specific to African American Literature, Mexican-American Literature, and Native-American Literature) to instruct students in writing, reading both fiction and nonfiction, and speaking and listening. Students will be required to demonstrate rigorous understanding of various writing styles with special emphasis on informational writing. Students are expected to complete assignments outside of class. English 10B is supplemented with additional novels, plays, and compositions.

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**HONORS ENGLISH 10****Grade:** 10 **Semesters:** 2 **Credits:** 2**Prerequisites:** English 9 or Honors English 9

**Course Description:** This two semester advanced honors-level language arts course increases and enriches critical and analytical thinking. Once a student opts to take this more challenging course, he/she should plan to continue with A.P. 11 and A.P. 12. Honors English 10 utilizes novels and works from ancient mythology works and classic Roman stories and novels in the skills of writing, reading both fiction and nonfiction, and speaking and listening. Students will be required to demonstrate rigorous understanding of various writing styles with special emphasis on informational writing. Students are expected to complete assignments outside of class. Honors 10 is supplemented with additional novels, plays, and compositions, as well as college preparatory assessments that prepare students for Advanced Placement courses. Students will be expected to complete course final.

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**GENERAL ENGLISH 11****Grade:** 11 **Semesters:** 2 **Credits:** 2**Prerequisites:** General English 10 or English 10

**Course Description:** A two semester course for students who plan to attend a technical school or directly enter the workforce after graduation. This course is designed to help students improve their skills in language, research, composition, literature, and communication as is applicable to the workforce. It will include an oral presentation, writing pieces, and work with a variety of reading assignments to reinforce effective communication and authentic employment skills. Students will be required to write a Cover Letter, Resume, and 2-3 page Problem/Solution Paper.

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**AMERICAN LITERATURE****Grade:** 11 **Semesters:** 1 **Credits:** 1**Prerequisites:** English 10 or Honors English 10

**Course Description:** This one semester course is for students who plan to attend college after graduation. The focus in American Literature is analyzing primary sources in American history as well as literature developed from the beginning of the country's creation. Students will present researched information and analysis through various speaking and writing techniques and skills. This course qualifies as the English 11 requirement part 1 on the middle path. American Literature utilizes novels and works from various time periods in American history to instruct students in skills of research, composition, literature, and communication. This course includes an oral presentation, writing pieces, and work with a variety of reading assignments to reinforce effective communication and analysis skills. \*All students choosing path 2 will take American Literature as part 1 of path 2.

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**BRITISH LITERATURE (2021-2022)****Grade:** 11, 12**Semesters:** 1      **Credits:** 1**Prerequisites:** English 10 or Honors English 10

**Course Description:** This is a one semester course offered every other year (opposite World Lit.) as an elective in the Language Arts Department. The focus is on analyzing British Literature and presenting researched information and analysis through various speaking and writing techniques and skills and qualifies as the English 11 and 12 requirement part 2 of path 2. British Literature utilizes novels and works from various time periods in British history (Anglo-Saxon to 21st Century) to instruct students in skills of research, composition, literature, and communication. This course includes an oral presentation, writing pieces, and work with a variety of reading assignments to reinforce effective communication and analysis skills.

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**WORLD LITERATURE (2020-2021)****Grade:** 11, 12**Semesters:** 1      **Credits:** 1**Prerequisites:** English 10 or Honors English 10

**Course Description:** This is a one semester course offered every other year (opposite British Lit.) as an elective in the Language Arts Department. The focus is on examining writing from various parts of the world to further examine culture and cultural influences on writing. Students will present researched information and analysis through various speaking and writing techniques and skills. This course qualifies as the English 11 and 12 requirement part 2 of path 2. World Literature utilizes novels and works from various cultures, nations, and continents to instruct students in skills of research, composition, literature, and communication. This course includes an oral presentation, writing pieces, and work with a variety of reading assignments to reinforce effective communication and analysis skills.

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**ADVANCED PLACEMENT LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION****Grade:** 11**Semesters:** 2      **Credits:** 2**Prerequisites:** English 10 or Honors English 10

**Course Description:** This course is two semesters. An A.P. course in English Language and Composition engages students in becoming skilled readers and critics of prose written in a variety of rhetorical contexts, and in becoming skilled writers who compose for a variety of purposes. Both their writing and their reading should make students aware of the interactions among a writer's purposes, audience expectations, and subjects, as well as the way genre conventions and the resources of language contribute to effectiveness in writing. Students must be prepared to meet set deadlines and understand that work beyond class time is required. Students will be expected to complete the course final OR the AP Exam.

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**GENERAL ENGLISH 12****Grade:** 12**Semesters:** 2      **Credits:** 2**Prerequisites:** General English 11 or American Literature and British/World Literature

**Course Description:** This course is two semesters. The focus is on presenting information through various speaking and writing techniques and skills and qualifies as the General English 12 requirement. This required course is designed to help students improve their skills in language: research, composition, literature, and communication as is applicable to the workforce. This course includes an oral presentation, writing pieces, and work with a variety of reading assignments to reinforce effective communication and authentic problem-solving skills. Students will be required to write a 3-5 page Argumentative Paper.

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**CREATIVE WRITING (2021-2022)****Grade:** 12**Semesters:** 1      **Credits:** 1**Prerequisites:** American Literature and British/World Literature or AP Language and Composition

**Course Description:** This is a one semester course offered every other year as an elective in the Language Arts Department. The focus is on reading and creating imaginative literature. This course qualifies as the English 12 requirement part 2 of path 2. Creative Writing utilizes reading creative works and writing in various genres throughout the semester. Students will be instructed in skills of composition, literature, and communication through



