

LANGUAGE ARTS

◆ **Course offerings not having sufficient enrollment after registration will be discontinued for the 2017-2018 school year.**

◆ **A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) ENGLISH CREDITS (GRADES 9 THROUGH 12) IS REQUIRED TO GRADUATE.**

Required English Curriculum will consist of:

- ◆ English 9
- ◆ English 10 or Advanced English 10
- ◆ English 11, Advanced English 11 or AP English 11
- ◆ English 12* options or AP English 12

*Choose 1/2 credit of writing and 1/2 credit of literature from English electives.

Students transferring into the district without .5 speech credit may select from the following:
English 10 or Advanced English 10 which includes speech (1.0 credit).

District Reading Requirement Guidelines

◆ Students in grades 9 through 12 who have not met the district's reading requirement must continue to enroll in reading until the ninth grade level / 1000 Lexile reading equivalency is met. All students must demonstrate the ninth grade level / 1000 Lexile of reading proficiency on a district adopted standardized test in order to graduate.

◆ Students enrolled in the reading classes will be assisted in developing their reading skills through the use of various instructional strategies and materials. Emphasis will be placed on the areas of comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary development.

Reading 9 – 12

One Semester - 1/2 Credit

- ◆ By district placement

English 9

One Year – 1 Credit

▶ **Required for graduation.**

▶ **A research paper is required.**

English 9 is a year-long course satisfying the ninth grade English requirement. This course include all standards in the ninth grade reading, writing, and speaking / listen & language strands in an integrated approach. English 9 is required for all ninth grade students.

English 10

One Year – 1 Credit

▶ **Required for graduation.**

▶ **A research paper is required.**

English 10 is a year-long course satisfying the tenth grade English requirement. This course will include all standards in the tenth grade reading, writing, and speaking / listen & language strands in an integrated approach. Students will satisfy the state speech requirement. English 10 is required for all tenth grade students.

Advanced English 10

One Year – 1 Credit

▶ *This course will be taught at a level which will prepare the student to take Advanced English 11, Advanced Placement English Language and Composition (11), and Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition (12).*

▶ *This is a “Pre” advanced placement class and will be weighted on the 4.0 scale.*

▶ *Students must see the instructor for a list of required summer readings and assignments.*

▶ *A research paper is required.*

▶ *For success in this course, an A or B in the preceding English class is highly recommended.*

This course will include all standards in the tenth grade reading, writing, and speaking / listen and language strands. In addition, Advanced English 10 requires more in-depth study and more independent work outside of the class. This class involves working on several projects simultaneously with varying deadlines. Additional reading is an integral part of the class. Advanced English 10 will fulfill the tenth grade English requirement.

English 11

One Year – 1 Credit

▶ *Required for graduation.*

▶ *A research paper is required.*

English 11 is a year-long course satisfying the eleventh grade English requirement. This course will include all standards in the eleventh grade reading, writing, and speaking / listening and language strands in an integrated approach. Students will also satisfy the state American literature requirement.

Advanced English 11 (Stevens only)

One Year – 1 Credit

▶ *This course will be taught at a level which will prepare the student to take Advanced Placement English 12.*

▶ *This is a “Pre” advanced placement class and will be weighted on the 4.0 scale.*

▶ *Students must see the instructor for a list of required summer readings and assignments.*

▶ *A research paper is required.*

▶ *For success in this course, an A or B in the preceding English class is highly recommended.*

This course will include all standards in the eleventh grade reading, writing, and speaking /listening and language strands in an integrated approach. In addition, Advanced English 11 requires more in-depth study and more independent work outside the class. This class involves working on several projects simultaneously with varying deadlines. Additional reading is an integral part of the class. This class also satisfies the state American literature requirement. **Advanced English 11 will fulfill the eleventh grade English requirement.**

Advanced Placement English Language and Composition (11) One Year – 1 Credit (Central only)

- ▶ *This course is designed for the college or university bound student and is taught at a college level.*
- ▶ *Teacher recommendation suggested*
- ▶ *This class will be weighted on the 5.0 scale.*
- ▶ *Students must see the instructor for a list of required summer readings and assignments.*
- ▶ *A literary analysis and research paper is required.*
- ▶ *For success in this course, an A or B in the preceding English class is highly recommended.*

This course will include all standards in the eleventh grade reading, writing, and speaking/listening and language strands. In addition, this course follows the curriculum required by the College Board for Advanced Placement (AP) English Language and Composition. The course requires more in-depth study and more independent work outside of class than English 11. It involves working on several projects simultaneously with varying deadlines. Additional reading is an integral part of the course. The course will be taught at a level which will prepare the student to take the Advanced Placement (AP) English Language and Composition examination sponsored by the College Board. If students score high enough on this test, they may qualify for credits from most colleges or universities. Students pay a fee to the College Board to take the exam. This course is equivalent to a freshman college level writing class. **AP English 11 (Language and Composition) satisfies the state American literature requirement** and will fulfill the eleventh grade English requirement.

Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition (12) One Year – 1 Credit

- ▶ *This course is designed for the college or university bound student and is taught at a college level.*
- ▶ *Teacher recommendation suggested*
- ▶ *This class will be weighted on the 5.0 scale.*
- ▶ *Students must see the instructor for a list of required summer readings and assignments.*
- ▶ *A research paper is required.*
- ▶ *For success in this course, an A or B in the preceding English class is highly recommended.*

This course will include all standards in the twelfth grade reading, writing, and speaking / listening and language strands. In addition, this course follows the curriculum required by the College Board. The course requires more in-depth study and more independent work outside the class. This class involves working simultaneously on several projects with varying deadlines. Additional reading is an integral part of the class. The course will be taught at a level which will prepare the student to take the Advanced Placement Literature and Composition Examination sponsored by the College Board. If students score high enough on this test, they may qualify for credits from most colleges or universities. Students pay a fee to the College Board to take the exam. This course is equivalent to a freshman college level English class. **Advanced Placement English 12 fulfills the senior English requirement of 1/2 credit writing and 1/2 credit literature.**

Journalistic Writing (11-12) (Central)

One Semester – 1/2 Credit

Journalistic Writing (10-11-12) (Stevens)

One Semester – 1/2 Credit

- ▶ *A research paper is required.*

This course is built upon journalistic writing techniques. Students will explore the different types of writing used in newspaper and magazines while developing critical thinking and reading skills. Journalistic Writing will fulfill the writing requirement for seniors.

Creative Writing (12)**One Semester – 1/2 Credit**

► *A research paper is required.*

This course emphasizes instruction in creative thinking that leads to creative products. This course covers the writing of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry while acknowledging that all writing is creative writing. Creative Writing recognizes Standard English but introduces the possibilities within literary license. Creative Writing fulfills the writing requirement for seniors.

Senior Composition (12)**One Semester – 1/2 Credit**

► *A research paper is required.*

This course is a writing class with emphasis on essays, research papers, grammar and usage skills, and revision techniques necessary for success at the college level. Senior Composition will fulfill the writing requirement for seniors.

Technical Writing (12)**One Semester – 1/2 Credit**

► *A research paper is required.*

► *Technical Writing does NOT meet English requirements for NCAA.*

This course develops students' skills that are useful or necessary in the workplace. These skills include the following: creating and interpreting charts and graphs; writing memos, letters, and reports; conducting primary and secondary research; analyzing tasks or processes; improving listening and speaking skills; solving problems and resolving conflicts. Students will also enhance their computer skills. This course emphasizes individual and collaborative projects. Technical Writing will fulfill the writing requirement for seniors.

American Indian Literature (12) (Stevens only)**One Semester – 1/2 Credit**

Students will explore the literature of the American Indian cultures of our region, including Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota stories, speeches, and primary source texts. Through discussion and projects, students will discover connections between 21st-century life in South Dakota and stories from American Indian culture, both ancient and modern. American Indian Literature will fulfill the literature requirement for seniors.

Myth and Symbol (12)**One Semester – 1/2 Credit**

This course will explore myths from various cultures. Students will also study the origins of these myths and their effect upon our literature and lives today. Literature, music, and film will be analyzed for symbols, motifs, and archetypes. Myth and symbol will fulfill the literature requirement for seniors.

Shakespeare (12) (Central only)**One Semester – 1/2 Credit**

This course provides an overview of Shakespeare's world through his writings. In addition, the themes in his sonnets and plays will be analyzed and explored through a myriad of activities. This is a semester course which fulfills the senior literature requirement.

World Literature (12)**One Semester – 1/2 Credit**

This course will focus on the study of world Literature from a variety of countries. It is designed to acquaint students with authors, writings, and cultures around the world in accordance with historical time periods. Students will explore and analyze the diversity, significance, and relevance of world literature. World Literature will fulfill the literature requirement for seniors.