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# AP Language and Composition Exam Overview

Southside High School

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**An AP English Language and Composition course cultivates the reading and writing skills that students need for college success and for intellectually responsible civic engagement. The course guides students in becoming curious, critical, and responsive readers of diverse texts and becoming flexible, reflective writers of texts addressed to diverse audiences for diverse purposes. The reading and writing students do in the course should deepen and expand their understanding of how written language functions rhetorically: to communicate writers' intentions and elicit readers' responses in particular situations.**

# AP Lang. Comp.

## Purpose

- Introduces student to the analytical and argumentative writing you will do in college
  - This writing is based on reading as well as on personal experience and observation

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- To enable students to read and understand complex texts
  - To enable students to write prose of sufficient richness and complexity to communicate effectively with mature readers
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# Benefits of AP

- Students dig deeper into subjects that interest them and learn to tap their creativity and their problem-solving skills to address course challenges.
  - Students who take AP courses send a signal to colleges that they're serious about their education and that they're willing to challenge themselves with rigorous coursework.
  - 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions.
  - Research shows that students who receive a score of 3 or higher on AP Exams typically experience greater academic success in college and have higher graduation rates than their non-AP peers.
  - Save time and money
    - Complete degree on time
    - Credits offered
    - Skip introduction courses
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