English Course Descriptions

0012 ENGLISH 9 REGENTS

GRADE 9 + FULL YEAR - 1 UNIT

This course covers the major areas of English Language Arts: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Students will read and analyze a variety of literature genres. They write multi-paragraph essays with emphasis on exposition in position papers, research papers, and papers of literary analysis.

0011 ENGLISH 9 HONORS

PREREQUESITE: TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

GRADE 9 + FULL YEAR - 1 UNIT

This course uses some of the English 9 Regents curriculum as its basis, but includes additional works of literature and requires more sophisticated writing at the honors level of challenge. The literature is taken from a variety of sources and genres, and consistent, lively oral participation is expected.

0022 ENGLISH 10 REGENTS

PREREQUISITE: ENGLISH 9

GRADE 10 + FULL YEAR - 1 UNIT

Students will study world literature by genre: novel, short story, drama, poetry, and non-fiction. The writing of essays is heavily emphasized, and the process of writing a research paper is further refined. Discussions and literary analysis will be conducted at the Regents level of challenge.

0021 ENGLISH 10 HONORS

Survey of World Literature

PREREQUISITE: ENGLISH 9 AND TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

GRADE 10 + FULL YEAR - 1 UNIT

Students will read literature from pre-classical to modern times in different genres. Students will continue developing their writing skills in exposition, literary interpretation, and research at the honors level of challenge. Consistent, lively oral participation is expected.

0032 ENGLISH 11 REGENTS

Survey of American Literature PREREQUISITE: ENGLISH 10 GRADE 11 + FULL YEAR - 1 UNIT

The goal of this course is to foster an understanding of and appreciation for American literature. Readings include selections from historical periods, Puritanism, Romanticism, and Realism, for example, as well as 20th century literature. Students concentrate on the literary essay and the expository composition.

The course concludes with the NYS Regents Examination in English Language Arts (Common Core).

0031 ENGLISH 11 HONORS

Survey of American Literature

PREREQUISITE: ENGLISH 10 AND TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

GRADE 11 • FULL YEAR - 1 UNIT

This course includes literature from Colonial America to the present. Students will study the elements that make up the movements of American literature and will consistently make connections between literature and culture. Discussion and writing focus on textual analysis at the honors level. Independent study skills and active participation in class discussion are expected. Consistent, lively oral participation is expected.

The course concludes with the NYS Regents Examination in English Language Arts (Common Core).

0052 AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION

Rhetorical Strategies and American Literature
PREREQUISITE: ENGLISH 10H AND TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

GRADE 11 + FULL YEAR - 1 UNIT

This is a rigorous, college level writing-intensive course that engages students in becoming skilled readers of prose written in a variety of periods, disciplines, and rhetorical contexts. It also requires that students become skilled writers in a variety of genres. Students will read and write deliberately. Though much nonfiction will be read, the students will also read expressive literature from the American canon. In addition, there will be a unique focus on language usage, rhetoric, and arguments. High school course credit will be awarded upon completion of the Advanced Placement College Board exam associated with the course, and all other assignments through the end of the PCSD school year. All students must pass the NYS Regents Examination in English Language Arts (Common Core) to graduate.

An extensive summer reading project of approximately 30 hours is required.

0041 ENGLISH 12 HONORS

Survey of British Literature

PREREQUISITE: ENGLISH 11 AND TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

GRADE 12 + FULL YEAR - 1 UNIT

English 12 Honors offers a survey of British literature with special emphasis on particular literary periods and their respective contributions to the western intellectual tradition. The composition component focuses on modes of writing that the students will be expected to produce in college. Students will keep a writing portfolio that they are encouraged to take with them at the completion of this course.

0051 ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENGLISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION

PREREQUISITE: ENGLISH 11 HONORS or AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION AND TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

GRADE 12 + FULL YEAR - 1 UNIT

This is a college level course. The emphasis is on critical reading, written literary analysis and oral participation. The course prepares students for the nationally administered test of the College Entrance Examination Board in English Literature and Composition. High school course credit will be awarded upon completion of the Advanced Placement College Board exam associated with the course, and all other assignments through the end of the PCSD school year.

An extensive summer reading and writing project of approximately 30 hours is required.