



# Course Overview

High School | AP English Language & Composition - Last Updated on April 3, 2025

## DESCRIPTION

### K-12 Content Area | Mission & Philosophy Statement

- Foster a love for literacy across diverse backgrounds and abilities, ensuring equitable access to rich learning experiences equipping learners with the skills, mindset, and passion to engage actively as informed readers, writers, and communicators throughout their lives.
- Cultivate communicators and critical thinkers, empowering them to inquire, analyze, and create meaningfully from a variety of texts and perspectives, preparing them for the responsibilities of active participation as a citizen in our democracy as well as in an evolving global society.
- Engender collaborative and creative environments where learners innovate, elevate diverse voices and modalities to express themselves effectively and imaginatively.
- Promote a culturally responsive English Language Arts education that honors the identities, cultures, and experiences of all students, integrating diverse texts and voices to promote empathy, understanding, and respect.

### Course Description

AP English Language and Composition is a rigorous, college-level course that emphasizes the development of students' reading, writing, and rhetorical analysis skills. Centered on nonfiction texts from a range of disciplines and time periods, the course guides students in analyzing how writers use language to inform, persuade, and provoke. Through frequent writing and revision, students build their ability to craft evidence-based analytical and argumentative essays, synthesize information from multiple sources, and evaluate the effectiveness of rhetorical strategies. They also examine images and visual media as texts, considering how various forms of communication shape meaning. The course prepares students to take the AP English Language and Composition Exam in the spring, with the potential to earn college credit.

Students will explore how writers' choices impact readers and how context influences communication, ultimately becoming more thoughtful, flexible, and purpose-driven writers themselves. Through a sequence of skill-building units, students repeatedly practice close reading, argumentation, research, and composition. Teachers tailor the course themes and texts to fit their students' needs and interests, often incorporating contemporary issues and diverse perspectives. The course fosters intellectual curiosity and civic responsibility, equipping students with the tools to engage meaningfully with complex texts and to express their own ideas clearly and effectively across a variety of contexts. Whether preparing for college or navigating real-world discourse, students leave the course with a strong foundation in rhetorical literacy and critical thinking.

## STANDARDS

### College Board - AP English Language and Composition - Skills (2020)

RHS.1.

RHS.1.A

RHS.1.B

RHS.2.

RHS.2.A

RHS.2.B

CLE.3.

CLE.3.A



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- CLE.3.B
- CLE.3.C
- CLE.4.
- CLE.4.A
- CLE.4.B
- CLE.4.C
- REO.5.
- REO.5.A
- REO.5.B
- REO.5.C
- REO.6.
- REO.6.A
- REO.6.B
- REO.6.C
- STL.7.
- STL.7.A
- STL.7.B
- STL.7.C
- STL.8.
- STL.8.A
- STL.8.B
- STL.8.C

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

Specific objectives for this course are aligned with the College Board's AP English Language and Composition skills.

## ASSESSMENT TYPES

The following assessment types will be used during the course:

- Curriculum-based measures
- Formative Assessments
- Summative Assessments

## SUGGESTED METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

An English Language Arts program demands the use of a variety of instructional strategies. Below is a list of suggested strategies for high-quality instruction:

- Instructional components outlined in *The Framework for Teaching* by Charlotte Danielson
- Goal setting
- Collaborative Learning through Socratic Seminar
- Formative opportunities to drive instruction
- Think-pair-share
- Reciprocal teaching
- Journaling

## RESOURCES

District Approved Program Resources	District Approved Supplemental Resources	District Approved Technology Resources
		AP Classroom