

Academic Decathlon (Humanities / Ind. English)

1. This is a competition based class. Students are expected to study material independently, and then compete with each other for a spot on the team. Students are required to attend Saturday competitions throughout the fall semester, and the spring if placed onto the team.
2. Placement into the class is at the discretion of the instructors. Acceptance into the class is contingent upon teacher recommendations, an interview, a pre-test, and the instructor's needs. Space is limited; not all students will be accepted.
3. Students can be removed from the class if they are not meeting course requirements and commitments.
4. This class is NOT an English 4 credit despite it being in that category in School Links; our teachers who teach it are not English certified, so it does not meet that requirement.
5. Structure of the course:
 - Students are expected to teach themselves and each other the material. Most material is not presented by the instructors. Students take quizzes and tests weekly / daily for the first 12 weeks.
 - Students are required to write an essay, create and give a speech, and practice interview skills
 - Saturday competitions involve taking seven, 50 question multiple choice tests back to back. Competitions are a major grade and mandatory.
 - Students compete against each other for placement on the team. Placement is determined by grades, participation, team cohesion, attitude, and effort.
 - A substantial amount of outside studying is necessary for this class.