ENGLISH

Valley Christian Schools™ HIGH SCHOOL
"Do it heartily as to the Lord." Col. 3:23

"Jesus used many similar stories and illustrations to teach the people as much as they could understand" **(Mark 4:33).**

DESCRIPTION OF EXCELLENCE

The English Department seeks to inspire students to delve enthusiastically into great literature and to critically examine it through the lens of God's truth, both while they are in our classrooms and once they leave. Our goal is that they will become wise and discerning readers and thinkers who are able to express their ideas and beliefs in conversation and in writing.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT FACULTY

Our English Department faculty includes fifteen teachers, including teachers who have obtained a master's or doctoral degree.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT DISTINCTIVES

- Our English department honors the rich tradition of literary surveys while embracing the vibrant diversity of voices that shape and have shaped our modern world. Our curriculum offers exploration of classic literature, ensuring students gain a solid foundation in the timeless works that have defined the field, but these studies are enhanced by integrating a wide array of texts from diverse authors and perspectives. Students will encounter the powerful narratives of both traditionally canonized authors and marginalized voices. This inclusive approach not only enriches their academic journey but also fosters empathy, critical thinking, and a deeper appreciation for the multifaceted nature of human expression, all pointed, of course, to the Creator, God, who celebrates diversity as the Divine Author who fashions each and every person in His image.
- The English Department participates in VCHS' Dual Credit Program, which allows students to take specified classes for college credit.
- The department also runs an on-campus chapter of National English Honors Society.

FRESHMAN	English 9	English 9 Honors				
SOPHOMORE	English 10	English 10 Honors				
JUNIOR	American Literature	British Literature	African American Literature	Philosophy in Literature Honors	Screenwriting & Literature	
	AP English Language & Composition					
SENIOR	American Literature	British Literature	African American Literature	Philosophy in Literature Honors	Screenwriting & Literature	
	AP English Language & Composition	AP English Literature & Composition				

ENGLISH COURSES

Four years of English are required to graduate from VCHS. The honors classes are intended for students who are highly skilled and motivated in English and possess a strong work ethic. Advanced Placement (AP) classes allow students to take a college-level course in a supportive environment; students should expect corresponding rigor and time requirements. Juniors and seniors who desire a fifth year of English may select from the other course offerings.

This map is a general planning tool, intended to show the course and typical student tracks. Students who opt for honors and Advanced Placement English classes follow a fixed progression if they remain on the honors/AP track. Junior and seniors opting for college preparatory classes select from a list of electives to fulfill their four-year English requirements. Students may deviate from the map and should consult with their academic counselors and teachers to find the best classes to meet their academic and spiritual goals. Courses offered may vary year to year.

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