

English 9 Honors

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Course Introduction

This class is the most accelerated level of curriculum and is intended for the advanced, highly motivated, four-year-university bound student. Students in English 9 Honors will analyze literature for structure, meaning, and social context. They will learn to write in a form that is acceptable for scholarly work. They will also expand their vocabularies and strengthen their command of the English language both in speaking and in writing. Class activities will vary, but the course will revolve around demanding assignments of reading, writing, and discussion.

Many of the projects are lengthy, challenging, and imaginative. I expect the students to read outside of class and be fully prepared to discuss the material in class. Participation in class is required.

Plan for Success

How will I lead your children to success?

- I will build a strong understanding of literary terms and devices that will be used throughout this year and your children's remaining years in school.
- I will assign many writing assignments and focus on writing structure, defense, audience, and style.
- I will discuss literature on a scholarly level and force your children to think and respond while in class.
- I will be supportive, understanding, and fair while remaining diligent and demanding with the curriculum.
 - My goal is build a sense of personal confidence and English proficiency in your children.
- I will work on building this confidence by assigning projects that are challenging and imaginative.
 - Children's Short Story Project
 - Poetry Project
 - Term Paper Project – **Focuses on research and structure**
 - Group Teaching Project

What can your children do to succeed in my class?

- Your children must be dedicated and work hard.
- Your children must ask me questions when they don't understand assignments or notes.
- Your children must be risk takers and follow their instincts.
- Your children must be proactive and take responsibility for their own actions.

- Your children must be brave enough to challenge my opinions and me.
- Your children must be diligent, creative and patient, because this program will challenge even the most gifted child.
- Finally, your children must be willing to grow and progress without comparing themselves to others. This is a personal journey.

What can you do to assist your children in succeeding?

- You can email me when you think there is a problem with your child in my class.
- You can continue to ask them if they are on task and doing their homework and projects.
- You can expect them to rise to the challenges that presented to them.
- You and I can work cooperatively with one another to ensure your child's well being.
- You can continue to support them while guiding them to be more proactive and responsible.

I am truly the luckiest of teachers, because I teach the most gifted of students. I am demanding, but I also understanding and fair. Let us all work together to make this year extremely rewarding!