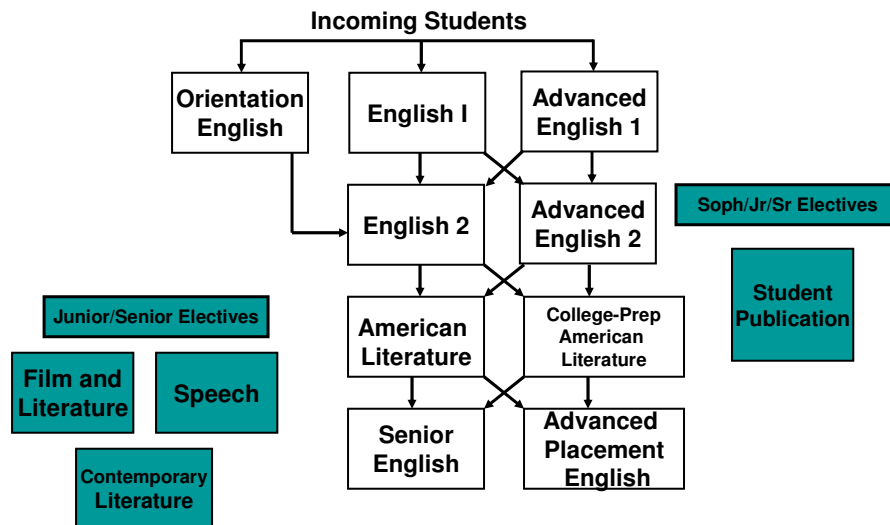


ENGLISH
SVHS
English Course Options



Orientation English

Grade 9 1 year 1 credit

Prerequisite: Placement through staff conference recommendation

Orientation English is for students who can benefit from additional instructional assistance in order to be successful. The course is structured to further students' development in reading comprehension, vocabulary development, and practical study skills. The writing program stresses the use of proper grammar, spelling, and the mechanics of writing. Students will have the opportunity to develop effective oral communication skills.

English 1**

Grade 9 1 year 1 credit

English 1 is designed to develop proficiency in language skills, including basic grammar, composition, reading and vocabulary. Lessons spread throughout the year will focus on usage, basic sentence structure, sentence combining and paragraph development. Vocabulary will emphasize not only the meaning of new words, but also learning to use the words properly. Literature study in the spring will include units on the short story, poetry, novel and drama.

****Required for Graduation unless enrolled in Advanced English I**

Advanced English 1**

Grade 9 1 year 1 credit

Prerequisite: Recommendation of Jr. High School English Teacher

Advanced English 1 is designed to increase proficiency in the communication skills of reading, writing, speaking and critical thinking. These skills are developed through a variety of activities in the areas of literature, grammar usage, writing and vocabulary study. Special projects are used to give students an opportunity to apply and enhance their communication skills.

****Required for Graduation unless enrolled in English I**

English 2**

Grade 10 1 year 1 credit

English 2 is a required course for sophomores. The course is designed to increase proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and critical thinking skills. These communication skills are developed through a variety of activities in the areas of literature, grammar, writing, and speech. The short story, the non-fiction essay, the novel, and Shakespearean drama are studied. A major public speaking unit is the focus of the second semester. Personal and public writing are given attention throughout the course.

****Required for Graduation unless enrolled in Advanced English II**

Advanced English 2**

Grade 10 1 year 1 credit

Prerequisite: English 1 teacher recommendation

This college bound course is designed to increase proficiency in the communication skills: reading, writing, speaking, listening, and critical thinking. These are developed through a variety of activities in the area of literature, grammar, writing, and speech. Writing, both personal and public, is a crucial focus of this course. Students in the course are expected to be highly motivated and independent workers.

****Required for Graduation unless enrolled in English II**

American Literature**

Grade 11 1 year 1 credit

In this course, primary attention will be placed upon examining American literature, both critically and appreciatively. Emphasis will be placed upon expanding writing skills, paragraph building, oral communication, and understanding different perspectives.

****Required for Graduation unless enrolled in College Preparatory American Literature**

College Preparatory American Literature**

Grade 11 1 year 1 credit

Prerequisite: Adv. English 1, 2 or instructor permission

In this course, primary attention will be placed upon examining American literature from a variety of perspectives and critical viewpoints. Emphasis will be placed upon expanding grammar and writing skills, oral communication, a holistic research paper, and developing vocabulary.

****Required for Graduation unless enrolled in American Literature**

Senior English

Grade 12 1 year 1 credit

English 4 is designed for students who may not be prepared for the level of difficulty of Advanced Placement English. The course is based on a study of world and British literature. A research paper will be required, grammar will be reviewed, and improvement of writing and communication skills will be emphasized.

Advanced Placement English

Grade 12 1 year 1 credit

Prerequisite: Advanced English 3 or teacher recommendation

This course is designed for highly motivated students who will be attending a college or university. Goals of the course will be increasing proficiency in critical thinking, using close reading and analysis of major works of English and world literature. The class will involve a considerable amount of reading and writing. A primary emphasis of the class will be preparation for the College Board Advanced Placement Test in English, which students will have the option of taking for possible college credit or advanced placement their freshman year of college.

Speech Communication

Grade 11-12 1 semester ½ credit

This class is intended to give an understanding of types of communication and to improve the student's spoken presentation. The first quarter of the course will be devoted to studying proper speech presentation and to giving speeches. The second quarter will include the study of advertising as persuasive speech and the study of movie making. Students will be involved in planning and recording an original movie.

Film and Literature

Grade 11-12 1 semester ½ credit

Prerequisite: English 3 or concurrent enrollment in English 3

This course is intended to provide the student with a series of learning situations in which they can explore both visual and audio-visual works. The course will include several diverse units: the Western, War, Comedy, Romance, Horror and Detectives. The exploration of each unit will be guided with the use of novels, short fiction, essays, and one or more films. Each unit will be evaluated with questions, quizzes, tests, and comparison and/or contrast papers involving a film and the written works. This course is intended to provide ½ credit toward the English requirement.

Student Publication I

Grade 10-11-12 *½ year .5 credit

Prerequisite: *none

Course *prepares students for Student Publication II

This course teaches students basic publication skills: interviewing, reporting, copywriting, headline writing, proofreading, editing, photography, caption writing, and page design. Student work may be submitted to The Cardinal yearbook, the school's website, and/or local newspapers. Grading is based on tests; story and photography assignments; and the observation of daily work habits and teamwork. After school assignments and work sessions may be required.

Student Publication II

*Grade 11-12 1 year 1 credit

Prerequisite: Satisfactory Completion of Student Publications or Instructor Approval

Course is repeatable for elective credit

This course is designed to produce the Stillman Valley High School yearbook, The Cardinal, using a web-based publishing program. Students will have the opportunity to build on publication skills learned in Student Publication I and will be involved in every level of the process: theme development, page design, photography, reporting, copywriting, editing, proofreading, advertising, marketing and sales. Grading is based on tests; story assignments and pages completed according to deadline; and the observation of daily work habits and teamwork. After school assignments and work sessions may be required.

Contemporary Literature

Grade 11-12 1 semester ½ credit

Contemporary Literature focuses on the reading and analysis of literature since the 1950's. The course emphasizes how contemporary issues are explored in literature. Students are expected to read four novels from multiple genres and to develop a sense of how particular genres are used today to represent ideas and events. Students explore issues of interpretation and theme through creative, reader response and analytical writing, group discussions, and oral presentation. Oral and written projects are designed to elicit a more thought provoking reaction and critical analysis of the literature, while developing the individual's communication skills.