

Students who have difficulty mastering grade level content can receive support through tutoring or by enrolling in courses designed for challenged learners such as **Fundamentals of English, Reading, or Writing Through Literature** .

Students may enroll in honors or Advanced Placement classes based on previous performance in English classes and recommendations of their teachers.

Electives for 11th and 12th grade:

- * **American Ethnic Literature**
- * **African-American Literature**
- * **Hispanic American Literature**
- * **Short Fiction**
- * **Women in Literature**
- * **Film and the Novel**
- * **Creative Writing**
- * **School Newspaper 10th, 11th, & 12th**

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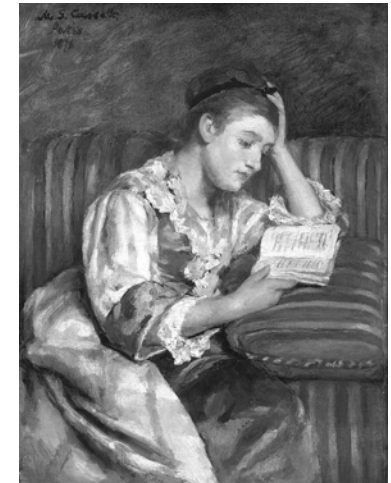


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Riverside University High School



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Courses

Students enrolled at Riverside University High School are immersed in four years of English instruction.

At each level students are exposed to a variety of literary genres and writing techniques. Students maintain writing portfolios and each year they develop research strategies. All writing instruction emphasizes Six –

Traits:

- Ideas
- Voice
- Conventions
- Organization
- Word Choice
- Sentence Fluency

Interested, qualified students may take up to two Advanced Placement courses in this department.

Required Courses, students must pass one at each grade level:

English 9 is a survey course designed to help students grow in their ability to think clearly, express their thoughts effectively, and to read with understanding and appreciation.

English 9 Bilingual is like the course described above for students who are adept in both Spanish and English.

English 9 Honors is for students who have already demonstrated excellent ability and interest in writing and reading. Students will closely read literature for structure, meaning and value. They will learn to write in a variety of modes and improve their vocabulary.

English 10 is intended to further student's growth, ability, and appreciation for writing and literature. Students in English 10 courses explore world literature through fiction, prose, poetry, and drama.

English 10 Bilingual, like the ninth grade course, supports students who speak Spanish and English.

English 10 Honors introduces students to university level skills and concepts imperative for success in later AP courses. The literary emphasis of this course is on world literature.

English 11 provides students the opportunity to explore the diverse ideas and representations of American Authors. Students learn and practice skills and concepts necessary for success at the university level.

English 11 Honors focuses on American Authors while introducing students to analytical concepts and strategies that will be applied in 12th grade with AP Literature & Composition.

Advanced Placement Language and Composition is equivalent in content and rigor to an introductory college-level writing course. Students read a variety of non-fiction works and write in a variety of forms in order to master the ability to read complex texts and write with richness and complexity.

English 12 is designed to ensure that graduating students have proficient writing skills and a solid understanding of literature in order to ensure success at the university.

Advanced Placement Literature and Composition engages students in close analytical reading of literary works. Presented with college level material and rigor, students develop critical standards for literature and the ability to write about it fluently and flawlessly.

