

English - Electives

English - Electives Courses

An Introduction to Speech Communication

Students develop their speaking skills, as well as learn the dynamics of speech and the categories of speech (forensics) competition. Students participate in the creative processes of oral interpretation.

Credits 1

Grades

9, 10, 11, 12

Schools

Brentsville District High School

Gainesville High School

Woodbridge High School

Prerequisites

None

Creative Writing 1

Students write and revise extensively to develop voice and style as experiment with a variety of subjects, genres, techniques, purposes, and audiences producing polished writing in fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and drama. Students will submit their work for publication in the school's literary magazine.

Credits 1

Grades

11, 12

10 with Permission

Schools

Battlefield High School

Brentsville District High School

Colgan High School

Forest Park High School

Freedom High School

Gainesville High School

Hylton High School

Osborn Park High School

Patriot High School

Unity Reed High School

Woodbridge High School

Requirements

Successful mastery of Grade 9 and Grade 10 Language Arts objectives

Creative Writing 2

Students who have completed the first level of Creative Writing refine their skills in writing and revising to further develop their style. They examine the composing processes of professional writers and participate in the process of producing a literary magazine.

Credits 1

Grades

11, 12

Schools

Battlefield High School

Brentsville District High School

Colgan High School

Forest Park High School

Freedom High School
Gainesville High School
Hylton High School
Osborn Park High School
Patriot High School
Woodbridge High School

Prerequisites

[Creative Writing 1](#)

English 9 Seminar

Students who did not pass the 8th grade language arts SOLs or are two or more years below grade level in reading are required to participate in this remedial program which does not replace English 9. Students work intensely with reading comprehension strategies and the writing domains in a small class setting. An opportunity to retake the 8th grade SOLs is offered in the spring.

Credits 1

Grades

9

Schools

Battlefield High School
Gainesville High School

Notes

Assigned based on SOL Language Arts scores

Enrichment in Speech Communication

Students reinforce, refine, and expand the speaking skills learned in An Introduction to Speech Communication. They further develop their abilities to compete in intra-scholastic contests in Forensics, Student Congress, Lincoln-Douglas, and Policy Debate.

Credits 1

Grades

10, 11, 12

Schools

Currently Unavailable

Prerequisites

[An Introduction to Speech Communication](#)

Global Connections in Multicultural Literature

Global Connections in Multicultural Literature is a junior/senior enrichment course designed to immerse students in the lifestyles, cultures, traditions, and experiences of various ethnic groups within American culture through the study of representative literature, field trips, speakers, and projects. Students broaden their understanding of multicultural literature by drawing upon personal experiences, discussions, and presentations as they expand their understanding of America's diverse and changing society.

Credits 1

Grades

11, 12

Schools

Gainesville High School
Patriot High School

Requirements

Teacher recommendation

Journalism 1

To develop basic skills in journalism, students study and write news, feature, sports, editorial, and other forms of journalistic articles. They study interviewing, various types of research, legal rights and responsibilities, page design, photography, desktop publishing and advertising. They produce articles for publication in the mass media.

Credits 1

Grades

9, 10, 11, 12

Schools

Battlefield High School

Brentsville District High School

Colgan High School

Freedom High School

Gainesville High School

Hylton High School

Patriot High School

Unity Reed High School

Woodbridge High School

Requirements

Successful completion of previous English courses and teacher recommendation

Journalism 2

Students produce a news publication. Working cooperatively, students apply skills and techniques learned in Journalism 1.

Credits 1

Grades

10, 11, 12

Schools

Battlefield High School

Brentsville District High School

Colgan High School

Freedom High School

Gainesville High School

Patriot High School

Woodbridge High School

Requirements

Journalism teacher recommendation

Prerequisites

[Journalism 1](#)

Journalism 3

Students learn editorial leadership, develop a sense of professionalism, understand the role of the newspaper in our society, and develop more fully as productive members of the publication staff. Students serve as leaders, mentors, and peer tutors. They may also represent the newspaper staff in the community by writing for the professional press in stringer or internship positions, and/or serve as tutors in neighboring middle schools.

Credits 1

Grades

11, 12

Schools

Battlefield High School

Brentsville District High School

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Gainesville High School

Patriot High School

Prerequisites

PSAT - SAT® Verbal-Math Preparation Class

Students study and practice the skills necessary for improving scores on the PSAT - SAT® tests.

Credits 0.5

Grades

10, 11, 12

Schools

Freedom High School

Prerequisites

[English 9](#)

[Geometry](#)

Photo Journalism - Yearbook

Students learn various aspects of publication while assisting in the production of the high school yearbook. Students participate in each step of production from planning the ladder diagram to distribution of the completed publication. This course may be taken more than once for credit.

Credits 1

Grades

9, 10, 11, 12

Schools

Battlefield High School

Brentsville District High School

Colgan High School

Forest Park High School

Freedom High School

Gainesville High School

Gar-Field High School

Hylton High School

Osborn Park High School

Patriot High School

Potomac High School

Unity Reed High School

Woodbridge High School

Requirements

Yearbook staff assignment

Prerequisites

[Journalism 1](#)

Reading Improvement

Students develop and reinforce basic reading and study skills. They learn techniques applicable to content reading and they develop word analysis and comprehension skills.

Credits 1

Grades

9, 10, 11, 12

Schools

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Freedom High School

Gar-Field High School

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Patriot High School
Potomac High School
Unity Reed High School

Requirements

Students reading two to four years below grade level