

# LANGUAGE ARTS DEPARTMENT

Class Number: 61  
Class Name: **English 9** (Required)  
Length of Class: One Year  
Prerequisite: None  
Grade Level: 9

Students in English 9 will consider the various components of English language arts: Literature, including short stories; drama and novels; communication, both oral and written; listening; spelling; vocabulary and grammar. Students will work on writing skills including: Paragraph form and basic essay writing skills. Evaluation is based on class participation, oral and written work, quizzes, and tests.

Class Number: 62  
Class Name: **English 10** (Required)  
Length of Class: One Year  
Prerequisite: English 9  
Grade Level: 10

Students in this course will refine their oral communication skills in the areas of listening, feedback, group communication, and public speaking. Students will present speeches and participate in group discussions and projects. Students will create and analyze various poetry styles and will study poetry terminology. Further studies will include writing logical, complete and correct compositions, studying grammar usage, and the critical reading of novels. Evaluation will be based on class participation, oral and written work, quizzes, and tests.

Class Number: 63  
Class Name: **English II** (Required)  
Length of Class: Year  
Prerequisite: English 9 and 10  
Grade Level: 11

Students will focus on developing the skills of logical, well-supported written discourse. Students will also study American and British Literature and their roots. Creative, logical, and critical thinking are an integral part of this course. Evaluation is based on class participation, oral, written work, tests, quizzes and projects.

Class Number: 64  
Class Name: **Novel Analysis** (Elective)  
Length of Class: One Semester - Spring

Prerequisite: English 9 & 10  
Grade Level: 11 and 12

This elective English class will explore selected novels and various films related to these novels. Students in this course will identify and analyze the themes in the selections, as well as discuss, in verbal and written discourse, the similarities and differences between a work's written and film forms, as well as differences among the works themselves. Emphasis will be placed on higher level, abstract thinking, as well as critical, analytical writing and discussion. Evaluation is based on class participation, oral and written work, quizzes, and tests.

Class Number: 65  
Class Name: **College Preparatory Writing** (Elective)  
Length of Class: One Semester - Fall  
Prerequisite: English 11  
Grade Level: 11 and 12

Students in this course will focus on the writing process. Students will study a variety of genre and will compose written works, some of which include research, persuasion, analytical and critical writing. Appropriate usage, vocabulary and spelling, as well as creative, logical and critical thinking skills are an integral part of this course. Evaluation is based on class participation, oral and written work, quizzes, and tests.

Class Number: 66 (Semester 1)  
Class Name: **Career Lit**  
(1st Semester)  
Prerequisite: English 9, 10, and 11  
Grade Level: 11&12

Students will focus on developing the skills to analyze and create written and verbal discourse for the work place to prepare students for the post-high school employment world. Through the study of the written and spoken word, video technology, and accompanying texts, the student will learn how communication is utilized in the world of work. Evaluation is based on class participation, oral and written work, quizzes and tests.

Class Number: 68  
Class Name: **World Literature** (Elective)  
Length of Class: One Semester

Prerequisite: English 9 & 10  
Grade Level: 11 and 12

Students in this course will study a variety of genre from around the world to encourage global awareness. Students will analyze and evaluate contrasting cultural values and styles, in both oral and written discourse. Appropriate usage, vocabulary as well as creative, logical and critical thinking skills are an integral part of this course. Evaluation is based on class participation, oral and written work, quizzes, and tests.

Class Number: 69  
Class Name: **Creative Writing** (Elective)  
Length of Class: One Semester ≠ Fall or Spring  
Prerequisite: English 9 & 10  
Grade Level: 11 and 12

Students in this course will focus on the creative process of writing. Assignments will include writing short stories, poetry, children's books, drama, and non-fiction. Students will also complete an extensive semester project that will combine ideas and writing styles of the course. Students will also be required to keep a class journal of experiences and writing ideas. Evaluation is based on class participation, oral and written work, and tests.

Class Number: 70  
Class Name: **Yearbook** (Elective)  
Length of Class: One Year  
Prerequisite: English 9 & 10  
Grade Level: 11 and 12

Students in this course will be producing the Colo-Nesco yearbook. Course work will include layout design, copy writing and editing, camera usage, film development, darkroom techniques, desktop publishing, and other aspects of yearbook production. Students will also be required to sell ads for the yearbook, help with yearbook sales, and take their turn at photographing school events. Students are encouraged to have strong English skills in the areas of composing written text, proofreading, and grammar. Evaluation will be based on correctness of required deadlines, tests, quizzes, and classroom participation and performance.