

COURSE OUTLINE

Grade Level: 9th
Course Name: General English

Course #: EN 09
Of Credits: One (1)

Course Description: This course includes the study of composition (writing), literature, spelling, grammar, vocabulary, research, and study skills.

Course Objectives:

1. Students will use the writing process.
2. Students will compose a persuasive essay.
3. Students will compose a limited research paper.
4. Students will read a variety of literature and analyze for elements of fiction.
5. Students should know and be able to acquire and use new vocabulary in relevant contexts.
6. Students should know and be able to employ strategies to comprehend text.
7. Students should know and be able to identify, analyze, and apply knowledge of the purpose, structures, and elements of literature.
8. Students should know and be able to recognize and apply knowledge of historical and cultural aspects of American, British, and world literature.
9. Students should know and be able to identify, analyze, and apply knowledge of the purpose, structures, and elements of expository text.
10. Students should know and be able to identify, analyze, and apply knowledge of the purpose, structures, and elements of functional text.
11. Students should know and be able to explain basic elements of argument in text and their relationship to the author's purpose and use of persuasive strategies.

Course Content:

Reading:	AIMS Test Prep	Writing:	AIMS Test Prep
	Comprehension Strategies		Business Letter
	Drama, <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>		Daily Oral Language
	Epic, <i>The Odyssey</i>		Editing
	Expository Text		Expository Writing
	Fluency		Grammar
	Functional Text		Literary Analysis
	Historical and Cultural Aspects		Paragraph Writing
	Literary Elements		Personal Narrative
	Non-fiction, <i>Farewell to Manzanar</i>		Persuasive Essay
	Non-fiction, <i>Into Thin Air</i>		Poetry
	Non-fiction, <i>Red Scarf Girl</i>		Research Paper/Researched Essay
	Novel, <i>Animal Farm</i>		Revising
	Novel, <i>Bless the Beasts and Children</i>		Six Traits of Writing
	Novel, <i>Bless Me, Ultima</i>		Spelling
	Novel, <i>Cold Sassy Tree</i>		Step Up to Writing
	Novel, <i>The Giver</i>		Terra Nova Test Preparation
	Novel, <i>Great Expectations</i>		Thinking Maps
	Novel, <i>I Am the Cheese</i>		Timed Writing
	Novel, <i>Oliver Twist</i>		Vocabulary
	Novel, <i>Out of the Dust</i>		Writing Process
	Persuasive Text		
	Poetry		
	Short Story		
	Terra Nova Test Preparation		
	Thinking Maps		
	Vocabulary		

Testing:

- District Test (Writing/Communication: Persuasive Essay)
- Terra Nova (Reading Fiction/Non-fiction, Vocabulary, Language Mechanics, Spelling)

*Selection of reading and writing materials is at the sole discretion of the teacher as long as the materials fit within MPS policies and curriculum. Reading and writing materials are subject to change throughout the semester.