

**HAYWOOD COUNTY SCHOOLS
HIGH SCHOOL DIFFERENTIATED EDUCATION PLAN
ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE**

NAME OF COURSE: Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition

GRADE OFFERED: 12 SCHOOL: Tuscola High

PREREQUISITES: Advanced English III or AP English Language and Composition

CRITERIA FOR ENROLLMENT:

1. For consideration for acceptance: 54+ Verbal PSAT/540+ Verbal SAT, at least a B in Advanced English III or AP English III and in class completion of application assessment. In the event that more applicants meet the requirements than there are seats in the class, review of application assessment and overall academic performance will be looked at.
2. Students who meet the qualifications in #1 above, with the exception of the PSAT/SAT Verbal score requirement, may still apply for admission to the course and will be admitted if space allows.
3. Students must have a strong desire to improve reading, speaking, critical thinking, and particularly writing skills.
4. Students must complete an extensive summer reading program. Students will be required to read *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Lord of the Flies* and *The Kite Runner*. An assessment will be taken at the start of the school year.
5. Students must complete the necessary application forms.
6. Students must commit to take the AP English Language and Composition Exam in May.

WAYS IN WHICH CONTENT AND INSTRUCTION ARE MODIFIED FOR HIGH-ACHIEVING AND GIFTED STUDENTS:

1. Frequent writing assignments
2. College-level expectations regarding study habits, initiative, commitment, and quality of work.
3. Steady load of challenging reading: predominantly non-fiction, some fiction, drama and poetry
4. Students will be required to take the AP English Literature and Composition exam in May

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. There will be a mandatory meeting after school in room Mrs. Melville's room in May for those students accepted in the class. This meeting will clarify expectations for the course. Students need to listen for the announcement.
2. If students or parents have any questions, please contact Mrs. Melville - mmelville@haywood.k12.nc.us

AP English Literature and Composition Description, Requirements, and Application

The Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition course features college level work in the form of challenging reading assignments along with an emphasis on analytical writing and reading. Reading will be expected most nights and over breaks.

“An AP course in English Language and Composition engages students in becoming skilled readers of prose written in a variety of rhetorical contexts, and in becoming skilled writers who compose for a variety of purposes. Both their writing and their reading should make students aware of the interactions among a writer’s purposes, audience expectations, and subjects, as well as the way genre conventions and the resources of language contribute to effectiveness in writing. (taken from collegeboard.org)

Because of the difficulties of this class, AP English carries a two-quality point bonus (an A is worth 6 points, rather than 4, for calculating GPA). The class also carries a requirement that all enrolled students take the AP English exam offered in May of each year. In the event that the exam is not taken, the student’s grades would revert to a 4 point class scale.

A complete course description and additional information about the exam can be obtained at apcentral.collegeboard.org.

By signing below, you indicate that you, both student and parent(s), understand the challenges and requirements of this class.

If you have any questions, please contact me at m.melville@haywood.k12.nc.us

Current English class: _____

First semester grade in that class: _____

Highest Verbal SAT/PSAT score received: _____

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Please return *this form* to the Guidance Office