



General Course Information

English I: American Literature and Composition	
Department: English Language Arts	Grade Level(s): 9
Duration/ Credits: 1 Year/ 1.0 Credits	Prerequisites:
BOE Approval Date: 12/14/17	Course Code: 0010
Course Description	
<p>English I explores the various genres and themes of American Literature emphasizing reading comprehension and analysis skills. The students will investigate the relationship between society and the individual, and how this relates to the American identity. The student will write regularly while developing argumentative, research and narrative skills. Participation in informal and formal class discussion will be expected daily.</p>	
Course Rationale	
<p>The ability to communicate clearly and effectively through oral and written mediums is essential to academic success in high school courses. The student in English I will develop these crucial skills through exposure to various genres and themes to enhance a basic understanding of language and literature at the high school level.</p>	
Course Objectives	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The student will read, analyze, and discuss texts across a variety of genres, including fiction, drama, poetry, literary non-fiction, and informational text, averaging a minimum of 55 pages per week. (A+ Reading).• The student will read closely, applying questioning and reading strategies to a variety of texts.• The student will complete a minimum of two polished essays per semester, including argument and informational writing, following a writing process including revision and editing for standard English usage. (A+ Writing).• The student will incorporate narrative techniques into academic writing.• The student will plan and participate in a minimum of one polished project that follows a development process.• The student will write informally on a weekly basis with a focus on fluency and ideas.• The student will learn and apply research skills, develop support and evidence, and cite formally following a style guide. (A+ Research)• The student will learn and apply active listening and speaking skills and will respond to audio and video clips. (A+ Speaking and Listening)• The student will plan and participate in a minimum of one oral presentation with an emphasis on developing presentation skills such as eye contact, tone, volume, pace, articulation, and pronunciation.• The student will participate in and reflect on formal and informal class discussions	