



The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires one standardized assessment related to the high school English Department.

At the end of the 10th Grade English course of any level, students take the Keystone Literature exam.

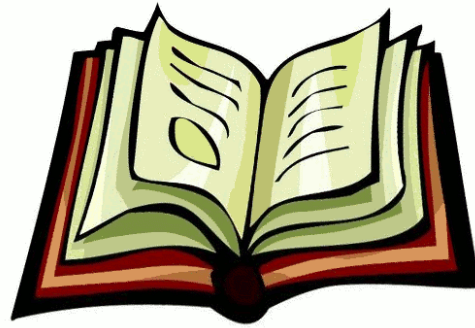
Curriculum in grades 9 and 10 is aligned to eligible content for these exams and to the [Pennsylvania Common Core State Standards](https://www.pdesas.org/Page/ViewPage/11/)
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Students who do not score proficient or advanced on the first administration will re-take the assessment near the end of their 11th Grade English course.

Demonstrating proficiency is a [PA graduation requirement](https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Assessment%20and%20Accountability/GraduationRequirements/Pages/default.aspx). More information is available at <https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Assessment%20and%20Accountability/GraduationRequirements/Pages/default.aspx>



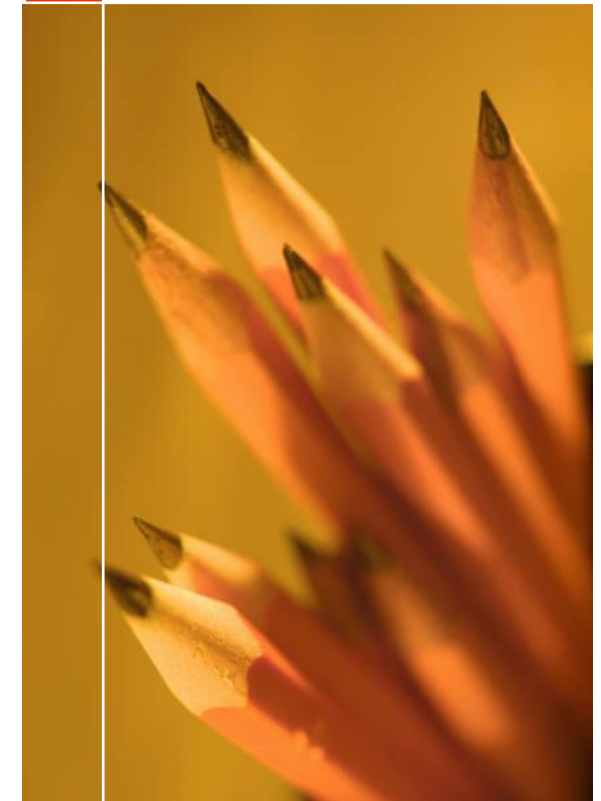
“Reading is the sole means by which we slip, involuntarily, often helplessly, into another’s skin, another’s voice, another’s soul.” — Joyce Carol Oates



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English Department Electives

The table below shows which grades these electives are available to students. Electives do not fulfill the English credits for graduation but do fulfill the arts/humanities requirements.

Course Title	Grade	Semester (S)/ Year (Y)	Everyday (E) / Alternate Days (A)	Units of Credit
Speech and Communication	9-12	S	A	.5
Journalism I	10-12	S	A	.5
Journalism II	10-12	S	A	.5
Introduction to Theater	9-12	S	A	.5
Teacher Techniques	9-12	S	A	.5
Advanced Theater Techniques	10-12	S	A	.5
Creative Writing I	9-12	S	A	.5
Creative Writing II	9-12	S	A	.5
History of American Film	10-12	S	A	.5
College in the High School: Introduction to Film	11-12	S	E	1.0
Communication Tech I	9-12	S	A	.5
Communication Tech II	9-12	S	E	1.0
Communication Tech III	10-12	S	E	1.0
Communication Tech IV	11-12	S	E	1.0
Communication Tech V	12	S	E	1.0
Communication Tech VI	12	S	E	1.0
Communication Tech: Independent Study	12	S	E	1.0

English Required Courses

Students are required to have four English credits to graduate. Students typically follow a vertical progression; however, with teacher recommendations, students may move into other levels.

Course	Value I/IA	Value II	Value III	Value IV
Grade 9 (choose 1)	English 1153 Foundations of English 9 (Value I)	English 1173 English 9 College Prep	English 1183 English 9 Honors	
Grade 10 (choose 1)	English 1253 Foundations of English 10 (Value I)	English 1273 English 10 College Prep	English 1283 English 10 Honors	
Grade 11 (choose 1)	English 1353 Foundations of English 11 (Value 1)	English 1373 English 11 College Prep	English 1383 English 11 Honors	English 1393 AP Language & Composition
Grade 12 (choose 1)	English 1463 English 12: Definition of Success (Value IA) *Students enrolled in half-day CTC as juniors may elect this course	English 1373A Literary Analysis: British Literature College Prep <hr/> English 1373B Literary Analysis: Eco-Literature College Prep <hr/> English 1373C Literary Analysis: Sports Literature College Prep	English 1483 Literary Analysis: World Literature Honors	English 1493: AP Literature & Composition <hr/> Dual Enrollment Note, students who took AP Language must take a literature-based course. Students who took English 11 CP or English 11 Honors must take a composition course.

Additional information regarding Advanced Placement Classes can be found at the [College Board](https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/) <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>.

