

Advanced Placement English Language and Composition

Application Packet

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Instructions:

1. Visit the AP College Board website at **www.apcentral.collegeboard.com**. Select “AP Courses,” and then select “Course Descriptions.” You will see a list of the AP classes and should select “AP Language and Composition” to read an overview and full course description. (Be advised there is a course titled “Literature and Composition,” which is a separate class.) **Read all of the information and make a well-informed decision. AP Language is for students who possess all or most of the following traits:**

- a. Takes responsibility for actions and learning.
- b. Makes class attendance a priority and makes arrangements to make up missing work due to excused absences. (Meets deadlines!)
- c. Reads with insight, at or above grade level.
- d. Writes clearly and concisely with appropriate voice and vocabulary.
- e. Uses varied sentence structure.
- f. Organizes information logically.
- g. Completes work thoroughly, thoughtfully, and on time.
- h. Follows instructions and works without constant direction.
- i. Demonstrates intellectual curiosity and loves to learn.
- j. Is tolerant of differing viewpoints and can discuss ideas in an educational setting with a positive attitude.
- k. Has a strong interest in nonfiction texts and in improving academic writing.

**** AP Language and Composition is a COLLEGE LEVEL English course.**
Depending on your score on the AP exam in the spring, you may receive 3 hours of college credit toward English 101. (With a high enough score, some students may “test out” of English 102, as well!)

2. Email a personal statement to Mrs. Blakley by **Monday, May 1st at 8:00 a.m.** to the email address listed at the top of this page. Your email should be professional in tone. Put “AP Language Personal Statement (your name)” in the “Subject” line of the email. This is good practice for your college courses and how you will communicate with your professors. You should include a salutation (Dear Mrs. Blakley), clear paragraph division, and a closing.
 - a. **Personal Statement Topic:** In paragraph form, please explain your reasoning for enrolling in AP Language and Composition. You may wish to incorporate some

of the information you learned from the AP College Board website about the course. Identify what you consider to be your areas of strength and explain at least one area in which you hope to see significant growth after completing the course. Describe what you intend to do to be successful. Finally, tell me a little bit about yourself. Introduce yourself. Tell me what you hope to do after high school; tell me what kind of movies you like...whatever you want to share. Help me “picture” you as a student and as an individual. I will respond to your email after the May 1st deadline to let you know if you have been approved for the course.

3. Print out the teacher recommendation form and ask TWO academic teachers to submit a recommendation on your behalf. (You’ll have to print two forms for two different teachers. Be sure to *ask* the teacher if he or she has time to fill out the form. You should also *thank* the teacher for his or her recommendation!)
4. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you do not apply for admission to the class and fulfill all of the application requirements, you will NOT be able to add the class later. You DO have the opportunity to change your schedule and drop the class later if you are accepted. Some students change their schedules during the first three weeks of the new school year. However, let me stress again the importance of applying for the class if you want to be considered for admittance.
5. Complete the summer reading work that will be assigned. More information – including book titles and any assignments – will be provided to students in May. Rest assured that the reading and assignments will be appropriate for the course and will only include work that is necessary for success. *I do not assign busy work.*

Please feel free to discuss the course with me at any time. You are welcome to stop by my office or email me. I’d love to meet you (if we haven’t already met) and chat with you!