

Woburn English Department

Grade Eight Parent Information

There are three options for grade nine students. It is very important that students select the course which best fits their learning style and future plans.

ACADEMIC ENGLISH ENG1D1

This course is designed to develop the oral communication, reading, writing, and media literacy skills that students need for success in their secondary school academic programs and in their daily lives. Students will analyze literary texts from contemporary and historical periods, interpret informational and graphic texts, and create oral, written, and media texts in a variety of forms. An important focus will be on the use of strategies that contribute to effective communication. The course is intended to prepare students for the Grade 10 academic English course, which leads to university or college preparation courses in Grades 11 and 12.

ACADEMIC courses focus on essential concepts. Greater emphasis is placed on analysis and theory than on practical applications.

APPLIED ENGLISH ENG1P1

This course is designed to develop the key oral communication, reading, writing, and media literacy skills students need for success in secondary school and daily life. Students will read, interpret, and create a variety of informational, literary, and graphic texts. An important focus will be on identifying and using appropriate strategies and processes to improve students' comprehension of texts and to help them communicate clearly and effectively. The course is intended to prepare students for the Grade 10 applied English course, which leads to college or workplace preparation courses in Grades 11 and 12.

APPLIED courses focus on essential concepts, but greater emphasis is placed on practical applications than on theory.

ESSENTIAL ENGLISH ENG1L1

This course emphasizes the key reading, writing, oral communication and thinking skills students need for success in secondary school and in their daily lives. In particular, the program works toward preparing students to enter the Grade 11 course in English, Workplace and to complete the literacy test successfully. Students read a variety of narrative and expository forms, poetry, and drama and practice the skills necessary for clear and accurate spoken and written language. In particular, course activities will help develop confidence and self-esteem and provide motivation to succeed in school and life.

ESSENTIAL courses are for students who are functioning below grade level. These students require curriculum to be delivered in a practical and concrete manner using real life connections.