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ROCKY HILL HIGH SCHOOL 2024 - 2025

RHHS ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



COURSE OFFERINGS



The 9th grade survey course focuses on grammar, mechanics, writing skills, and literature selections.

Sophomores

The 10th grade survey course introduces students to a wide variety of fiction, poetry, and non-fiction selections.

Juniors

A full year American Literature and Composition course is required for all juniors, with the exception of the AP track.

Seniors

Students may take a variety of electives where they can build on the foundations of the previous three years.

Courses include: Modern Poetry and Drama, Readings in Philosophy, Modern Fiction, Journalism, Authors, Film and Literature, Media Literacy, and Literature: Reflections on Life

Honors Program

9th, 10th, and 11th grade survey courses are offered at the Honors level.

12th grade Honors students are enrolled in Development of Drama in the fall and Fiction Masters in the spring.

AP Offerings

Currently, students are offered AP Language and Composition in their junior or senior years. AP Literature and Composition is available to seniors only.

2024 - 2025 Highlights

New RHHS Writing Center

Rocky Hill High School's peer-led Writing Center is now open! The Writing Center is staffed by 38 Writing Collaborators. These students participated in a Writing Center Training Program and are excited to work with their peers at all stages of the writing process.

The Writing Center is located in the library mezzanine and is open periods 1-9.

		General	Academic	Honors	AP	
Independence	Most support needed	<			/>	Highly independent
Skill Acquisition	Working toward basic skill acquisition					Level of skill beyond high school expectations
Interest & Curiosity	Low interest in content					Interested in content beyond the classroom; motivated to explore independently
Type of Thinking/ Reasoning	Concrete					Abstract, critical thinking
Workload	Many assignments completed together during class					Intense workload/ college level expectations

English Department Skills, Characteristics, and Expectations of Students by Level