

Foundations of English & Literature Course Overview

Foundations of English and Literature is a “Balanced Literacy Program”. Computer assisted instruction at the individual level is central to this course. The students’ individual needs are met with the help of technology, highly engaging literature and direct instruction. Class size is limited to 15 students. This is a two period course per day and includes whole group instruction in reading comprehension, writing mechanics, small group reading strategy instruction and vocabulary development. The self-paced computer component increases fluency, comprehension, spelling, and word recognition. Daily silent sustained reading from an in-class library that consists of fiction and non-fiction titles as well as a library of audio books.

This course targets skill development in text comprehension, vocabulary, spelling and writing – all outlined in national and state standards for English Language Arts. Additionally, this course provides English Language Learners with proven strategies to quickly gain proficiency in the English language.

Grades 9 – 12

2 Credits