

FCHS English 9 Options at a Glance

Other than placements determined by reading data, incoming 9th graders can choose to take **English 9** or **Pre-AP English 9** to meet their 9th grade English Language Arts requirement. Families should make an informed decision by examining some of the characteristics of Pre-AP English Language Arts students and differences between the classes.

Characteristics of Your Student as a Learner (answer these questions with your student):



Does your student . . .

- Enjoy reading and writing?
- Like to engage in analytical conversations about what they read and view?
- Have a natural desire and drive to learn and acquire knowledge?
- Thrive on looking for fine details and complexities in analyzing texts?
- Use social media as a tool to learn (rather than strictly a social tool)?
- Have self-motivation skills?
- Work well collaboratively?
- Possess strong self-advocacy skills?

If you responded yes to most of these questions, your student should consider taking Pre-AP English 9!

Characteristic of Courses	English 9	Pre-AP English 9
Rich, standards-based curriculum focused on developing skills in reading, writing, speaking, listening, critical thinking, and researching	X	X
Led by skilled, student-centered educators	X	X
Read a variety of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry	X	X
Opportunities to develop speaking, listening, and research skills	X	X
Can move into 10th grade Pre-AP World Lit. (and eventually, 11th and 12th grade Advanced Placement courses in English Language Arts)	X	X
Recommended to prepare students for rigorous Advanced Placement courses in English Language Arts		X
Summer reading requirement		X
Regular in-class time to complete assignments/homework	X	
In-class time is primarily dedicated to discussion and extension; homework is completed outside of class		X
3+ hours of homework per week		X
Introduces students to the basics of literary theory and the most common schools of literary criticism		X
Pacing allows for more practice in acquisition of new skills or mastery of reviewed skills	X	