

Grant Park High School Advanced Courses

The Grade 7 Advanced Language Arts program is the first of many challenging Advanced programs offered at Grant Park High School. Throughout the six years of study, students may explore a wide spectrum of Advanced Courses. These courses include:

- ◆ Art (S1 - S4, AP)
- ◆ Biology (S3 & S4, AP)
- ◆ Calculus (S4, AP)
- ◆ English Language
- ◆ English Literature
- ◆ French (Grade 7 - S4, AP)
- ◆ History (S3 & S4, AP)
- ◆ Language Arts (Grade 7 - S2)
- ◆ Mathematics (Grade 7 - S3)
- ◆ Psychology (S4, AP)
- ◆ Sciences (Grade 7 - S1)
- ◆ Social Studies (7 - S2)



Courses designated as "AP" lead to the Advanced Placement Exams for university/college credit in those subjects.

The Advanced Program

- **Learn more deeply, broadly!**
The AP Program offers you the chance to study topics in greater detail and breadth, often at a faster pace than a typical class.
- **A strong academic environment!**
The AP Program stresses good study habits and time management - skills that encourage success in university/college later!
- **Make friends, have fun!**
Students in the AP Program stay together until graduation, so friendships are strong and lasting. It's not all work - have a lot of fun along the way, too!
- **Get Involved!**
Performing Arts. Dance. Art. Band. Basketball. Volleyball. Wrestling. Water Polo. Soccer. Student Government. Computer Science. Recycling. Reach for the Top. Debating. Students in the AP Program don't spend all their time studying!
- **Get a jump on university!**
It seems a long way off ... but imagine finishing a full year of university courses while studying in Grant Park's AP Program! Save yourself time and money and allow yourself to get ahead towards your career!



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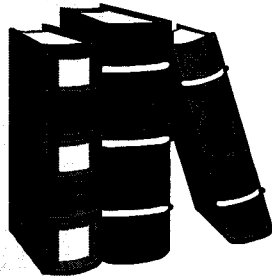
Grade 7 Advanced Language Arts Program

Grant Park's Grade 7 Advanced Language Arts program is a challenging program designed for students who have demonstrated an interest in and aptitude for language use in earlier grades. Most students in the Advanced Program at Grant Park begin in Grade 7, and are able to continue by maintaining high levels of achievement.



Students in Grade 7 Advanced Language Arts explore the 6 modes of language use:

- Reading
- Writing
- Listening
- Speaking
- Viewing
- Representing



There are 5 categories of General Outcomes:

- Exploring thoughts, ideas, feelings and experiences
- Comprehending and responding personally and critically to oral, literary and media texts
- Managing ideas and information
- Enhancing the clarity and artistry of communication
- Celebrating and building community



56 Specific Outcomes are achieved at the Grade 7 level.

Classroom Activities include:

- Dramatic Activities
- Novel Study/ Individual Reading
- Reading Responses/ Reports
- Writing Portfolio
- Creative Writing
- Projects
- Grammar, Spelling, Vocabulary Development

Texts:

Classroom texts include literary texts (stories, novels, poems, essays), media texts (newspapers, TV documents, magazines, journals), photographs, visual reproductions, film, and material gathered from the internet and computer programs.

Students also study one Unit on the issue of Human Rights, mandated by the Division.

Assessment

Assessment is ongoing and incorporates self and peer assessment as well as traditional teacher assessment. Rubrics for criteria of assessment are included with each assignment, and students are encouraged to improve and revise work. A Final Exam in June is comprised of a Reading Comprehension Component and a Writing Process Component; the methodology of the Exam and the Assessment Rubric corresponds to that used in Provincial Exams.

Note: In order to continue in the Advanced Program students must maintain an average of 70% in the Advanced classes.

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