

## English 10 Syllabus

### RCAS Policies/Procedures

Students will be required to follow all RCAS policies and procedures. To view the RCAS High School Student Handbook, click [handbook](#).

### Course Description

English 10 is a yearlong course satisfying the English 10 requirement. This course will include all standards in the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade reading, writing, speaking/listening, and language strands in an integrated approach. Students will satisfy the state speech requirement. English 10 is required for all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students.

### Grading

A student's final grade will be calculated using the total points method, each assignment is worth a specific number of points. Speeches, papers, projects, and tests will be worth more points than daily assignments.

### Textbook

**Prentice Hall Literature, Platinum Edition**  
**Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar, Platinum Edition**

### Reading

Students may read one or more of the following novels/plays.

- Fahrenheit 451
- A Midsummer Night's Dream
- Lord of the Flies
- Julius Caesar
- Night

### Optional Reading

Students may read one or more novels/plays from the College Board AP List/SHS Lit. Circle Shelves (some publications are currently under review)

### Instructional Resources

- TurnItIn.com
- Canvas.com
- Microsoft Office 365

### Essential Questions

Why is it important to be able to write well?

Why does a piece of writing need a beginning, middle, and end?

Why is it important to be able to analyze a piece of literature?

Why is communicating my ideas an important skill?

Why is it OK that my writing is never finished?  
Why can't I copy and paste?  
Why is it important to choose sources carefully?  
Why do I need to give speeches?  
Why do I need to support my ideas with evidence?  
Why do I need to be able to summarize something?  
Why do I need to analyze a piece of writing?  
Why do I need to understand an author's tone?  
Why do I need to understand the meaning of words?  
Why do I need to revise my writing?  
Why do I need to understand the meaning of words?

### **Essential Learning Intentions**

Students will write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.  
Students will demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage.  
Students will write informative/exclamatory texts to convey ideas.  
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Students will be able to cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.  
Students will write arguments to support claims using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.  
Students will be able to verbally present information in a clear and logical manner.