



Sophomore Language Arts

Core and Elective Choices
West Jordan High School

All sophomore students are required to have a full year of Language Arts credit. Our goal is to make sure each student is working at the level that will lead to proficiency in core skills and challenging themselves to build toward mastery.

The following slides should help you make the best course choice.

*If you have any questions, please email:
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Language Arts 10



For students at or approaching proficiency in basic language arts skills, Language Arts 10 is a class that builds on those skills, using reading selections from World Literature. Students should expect to improve in the core areas of reading, writing, speaking and language.



Language Arts 10 Honors



This class is designed for students who have reached grade-level proficiency in language arts skills and are ready for more of a challenge. Students in the honors program are on track to be prepared for college-level courses in their junior and/or senior year.

The curriculum focuses on improving skills in reading, writing, speaking, and language. Reading selections come from World Literature.

Jag Academy



Jag Academy is a program to support honors-track students in transitioning to the rigors of accelerated classes in high school. Students accepted into Jag Academy stay with the same group of students for Honors Language Arts, Honors Chemistry, and AP World Civilizations. The three teachers work together to give students a successful experience while supporting the demands of these core classes.

Applications for Jag Academy are available through the middle school or high school counselors.

In addition to the required Language Arts course, sophomores are eligible to enroll in the following Language Arts Elective courses:



Newspaper Staff



This is a year-long course that focuses on producing our school newspaper. Students will work on both the print and online editions. Students will learn all aspects of journalism, including interviewing, writing, photography and layout.

Students must have a teacher recommendation or email Mrs. Robertson at shauna.robertson@jordandistrict.org for approval. Students must be self-motivated, meticulous about meeting deadlines, willing to work as a team and ready to cover a variety of school activities. Some after-school availability is required.



Sophomores will earn elective credit.

Creative Writing 1

- In Creative Writing, we slay dragons, go to exotic places, meet fascinating people, run with bulls, fight aliens, break hearts and mend them--all with our mighty pens and paper.
- By taking Creative Writing, you will explore the worlds of creative nonfiction, poetry, short stories, and novels
- Who should take this course?
 - Students who love to write.
 - Students who love to read.
 - Students who want to become better writers.
 - Students who want to earn a semester of elective credit

"There is nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a typewriter and bleed." --Ernest Hemingway



Creative Writing 2

“The art of writing is the art of discovering what you believe.” --
Gustave Flaubert

- ❖ Creative Writing 2 is a semester class for students who have already successfully completed Creative Writing 1 and want to dive even deeper into the world of the writer’s craft.
- ❖ This class will be modeled on the style of a college creative writing workshop.
- ❖ Sophomores may earn a semester of elective credit.

