



# Request for Curriculum Change

## New Course Proposal

Date: 10-30-2019

Department/Subject: Language Arts / English 11

Person(s) initiating the request: FLAHS admin team and Language Arts department.

Department members involved in the development of the course proposal:

Course proposal team: Amanda Brett, Joel Hall, Kelsey Shimshock, Kelley Ungerecht, Craig Zimanske.

School(s): Forest Lake Area High School

Grade(s): 11

Course Title: English 11A and English 11B

Describe the process that led to this request for a new course:

- Department members determined that an English 11 course would have the following benefits:
  - Ensure all students were mastering Writing, Informative text, and Fiction text standards prior to their 12th grade year.
  - Eliminate a “gap” year in English that some students were experiencing in 11th grade.
  - Support increased student achievement on standardized and college preparatory tests in 11th and 12th grade.
  - Creates a comprehensive 9-11 Language Arts program, which choice in the 12th grade year.
- A course proposal team was created based on teacher interest, expertise, and available subs.
- The proposal team met for a day to draft this proposal and a course outline.
- The whole department and admin team provided feedback in an after school meeting. Absent staff members were able to use a google form to provide feedback.

## Specific Information to Accompany Request

### Course Outline/Learner Outcomes

Complete a [Course Outline](#) for your proposed course and submit it with your proposal.

### Budget Considerations

Check any of the following that will be needed for your proposed course and indicate the anticipated cost for each:

#### *Textbooks*

Title(s): We will utilize the texts currently approved for Popular Literature, College Prep Composition, and Writing Workshop. We will need to order additional copies of each of these titles for this expanded English 11 course.

- Fiction novel: 300 copies
  - Non-fiction choice books: 75 copies each x 8 texts
  - Shakespeare play: 200 copies
  - American drama: 200 copies
- Approximate total cost: \$8900

#### *Digital Curriculum Resources*

Title(s):

Approximate total cost:

One-time cost or annual renewal?

#### *Other Curriculum Materials (consumables, supplies, ancillaries, etc.)*

Materials:

Consumable/non-consumable?

Approximate total cost:

#### *Technology Devices/Equipment/Hardware*

Devices/equipment needed:

Approximate cost:

#### *Staff Development*

Staff Development description:

- Curriculum writing time **4 teachers x 3 days (30.50 an hour or sub coverage)**
- Approximate cost:

## Effects of the New Course Proposal

**Provide a brief explanation for any of the following the new course proposal will affect:**

Current curriculum: Popular literature, College Prep Composition, and Writing Workshop will be removed as options for 11th grade students, and be offered to seniors only for next school year. Next year's 11th graders will choose either English 11 or AP English Language.

Programs in other departments/grade levels: none

Credit requirements: none

- \_\_\_ Prerequisite requirements: none
- \_\_\_ Staffing: none
- \_\_\_ Space allocation: none
- \_\_\_ Master schedule: Teachers will be assigned English 11A or B.
- \_\_\_ District Technology impact: none
- \_\_\_ Other:

## **Signatures**

*Signatures indicate agreement with the course proposal.*

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Area Learning Center Principal

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