

Related Co-Curricular Activities

Centurion (Yearbook)

Preserving the wonder years describes the goal of Willowbrook's yearbook staff. The students write, compose, and edit the happenings of the year as a keepsake for years to come. Staff positions are available to students at all grade levels.

Individual Events Speech Team

Winning is the goal for these students who are coached in various public speaking events in competition with schools in our IHSA region. This activity encourages development of good speaking practices that become the core of many careers.



Mindprints - Literary Magazine

Students who are interested in both creative writing and visual arts join together to create an annual literary magazine. All students at Willowbrook are welcome to submit their creative writing pieces, as well as artwork and photography for consideration.

National English Honor Society

Students who have achieved excellence in their English courses, having completed 4 full semesters of English and earned a 3.5 GPA or higher in those courses, are invited to join the National English Honor Society (R.E.A.D.S. chapter). Students are given opportunities to work on project and events that spread a passion for reading and writing.

Skyline (Newspaper)

Working on the Willowbrook newspaper provides learning opportunities in many fields: news reporting, editorial writing, photo journalism, advertising, layout, and copy editing. Students learn both skills and ethics of good journalism. Staff positions are available to students at all grade levels.



Theatre Program

The theatre program also offers many extracurricular opportunities to students! Three performances occur per year: one drama, one comedy and one musical. Opportunities for involvement include either performance or participating in light, sound, costume, paint, set, usher and makeup crews.



All of these programs develop valuable skills and afford opportunities for developing friendships with students of mutual interest.



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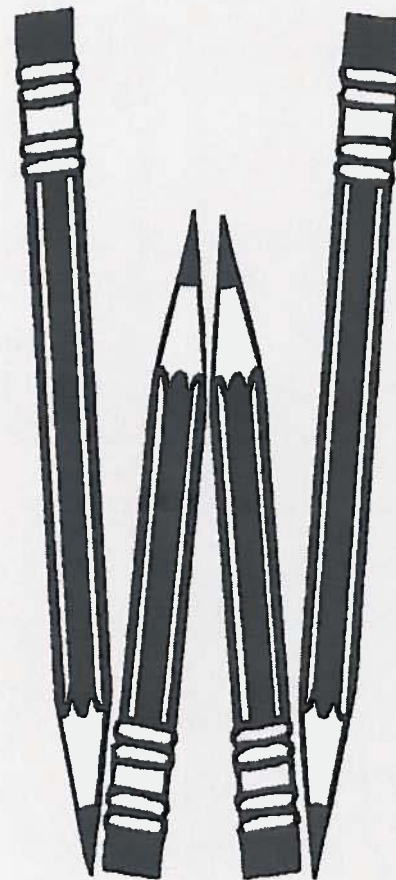
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Willowbrook High School

CURRICULUM SHOWCASE



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

GENERAL INFORMATION

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

English 9	2 semesters
English 10	2 semesters
English 11	2 semesters
Speech	1 semester
English 12	2 semesters

The core curriculum is designed to meet the State Common Core Standards in areas of writing, reading, listening, speaking and language.

Failure Policy

In the event a student is unsuccessful in a required course, he or she must complete that pre-requisite before continuing to the next level of instruction.

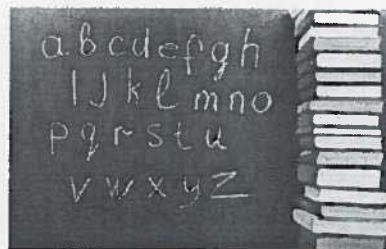
Junior students must successfully write a research paper to pass the course.

Freshman Course Offerings

<i>English 9 Honors</i>	(Above average)
<i>English 9 Core</i>	(Average and above)

All freshman classes build skills in writing, reading (fiction & non fiction), & grammar.

Success in all classes is closely associated with patterns of good attendance and consistent daily preparation. Since homework is assigned in all classes, we encourage you to monitor your student's efforts through the assignment book and PowerSchool.



Sophomore Course Offerings

<i>English 10 Honors</i>	(Above average)
<i>English 10 Core</i>	(Average)

The curriculum includes the classics as well as contemporary literature. Emphasis is focused on developing writing and analytical skills.

Intro to Speech or

Intro to Speech/Technology

This semester course is a graduation requirement that is usually fulfilled in the sophomore year. Students can meet this requirement through enrollment in Introduction to Speech or an interdisciplinary course, Introduction to Speech/Technology. This course may be taken sophomore, junior or senior year.

A Speech Proficiency Exam is offered in late January or early February.

Junior Course Offerings

<i>AP English-Language & Composition</i>	(College-Level)
<i>English 11 Core</i>	(Average)

The focus of study during the junior year is American literature and the development of analytical thought. A structured research paper is required.

Senior Course Offerings

<i>AP English-Literature & Composition</i>	(College-Level)
<i>English 12 Honors</i>	(Above average)
<i>English 12 Core</i>	(Average)

<i>Full year electives:</i>	
<i>American Cultures</i>	(Seniors)
<i>*Publications</i>	(9-12th grade)

<i>One semester electives:</i>	
<i>*New Humanities</i>	(Juniors & Seniors)
<i>*Creative Writing</i>	(Juniors & Seniors)
<i>Public Speaking & Mass Communication</i>	(Juniors & Seniors)

<i>*Theatre Arts</i>	
<i>*Acting I/Advanced Acting</i>	

The electives have been designed to meet special interests and needs of all the students at Willowbrook. We invite your students to discuss the electives with their English teachers, their counselors, and with the colleges they expect to attend to select the best program for their needs.

*Electives open to underclassmen, and/or may be taken more than once.

