

English Elective Offerings and Drama Program Initiatives

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Context: English Electives

- Board of Education / Dr. Aronstein Annual Goals
- Grade Level Proficiencies taught through Electives rather than through Traditional English Courses
- Glen Cove High School will double its offerings in 08/09
- Scheduling Ramifications
- Curriculum
 - Revision
 - Creation
 - Development

Half-Year Electives

SAT Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Component Analysis➤ Test-Taking Strategies➤ Practice Exams
Horror and Suspense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Literature-Based➤ Creative Writing➤ Stoker, Shelley, and Poe
Creative Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Process-Based➤ Workshop Model➤ Multiple Genres

Year-Long Electives

Theatre Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Study of Theatre➤ Performance Opportunities➤ Theatre Production
12 W.I.S.E	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Student Selection of Course of Study➤ Internships➤ Faculty Mentors➤ Final Presentation

Reinstated Courses

Children's Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Theme Study➤ Critical Evaluation➤ Artwork Analysis➤ Creation of Original Works
Journalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Process: Plan, Write, Edit, and Publish➤ Text and Visual Components➤ Ethics➤ <u>The Tattler</u>

New Courses

The Music of Poetry / The Poetry of Music	Six-Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Analysis of Common Devices and Elements➤ Relationship analysis
Grammar by Design	Six-Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ “Outside-the-Box” Approach➤ Advanced Sentence Constructions
Literature and the Arts	Year-Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Six Different Eras➤ Art, Film, Theatre, Photography, Music, and Architecture

Elective Interest for '08 / '09

- Creative Writing – 69 students
- Horror and Suspense – 134 students
- Children's Literature – 28 students
- SAT Prep – 98 students
- Grammar by Design – 121 students
- Journalism – 47 students
- Music of Poetry/Poetry of Music–36 students
- Literature and the Arts – 25 students
- 12 W.I.S.E. English – 29 students
- Theatre Arts – 46 students

A Look to the Future

Author Study	➤ Shakespeare, Salinger, and Hemingway
Period Study	➤ Modern Fiction, Renaissance Literature, And Nineteenth Century
Genre Study	➤ British Literature, Film as Literature, Mystery, Sci-Fi / Fantasy, Short Stories, and The Feminine Voice
Theme Study	➤ Resistance and Rebellion, Latino Literature, Sports Literature, and New York / New York
Research Process	➤ Rationale, Foundations, and Process

Drama Initiatives



The 2007 / 2008 School Year

- An English 8 Honors Class received a free 5 session residency with a playwright to co-author a play on bullying
- At the high school, the Music in our Lives course has been studying musical theater and has seen a Broadway Show
- Creative Dramatics / Literacy Through the Arts at Finley
- In-service course offered on Literacy through the Arts
- Brighten Beach Memoirs previews
- Greater communication with SYNTAX

A Look Ahead

- Artists-in-residence
- Staff development: Using the dramatic arts as a key to increasing literacy
- Curriculum writing projects: emphasis on The Arts
- Intergenerational Theatre Program featuring community volunteers.
- Additional Course Development
 - Dramatic Literature
 - Advanced Theatre Arts

ESL Program Connections

- Hiring Bilingual teachers with theatre and drama experience
- A Latin Theatre class is in development
- Latin Theatre as an Extracurricular Activity is in development

Interview Process Effects

- Questions for New Applicants:
 - “What electives can you teach?”
 - “Are you capable of doing staff development for your colleagues? If so, in which areas?”
 - “What is your background in terms of drama and the theatre?”
- The “Wording” of Job Advertisements