



Honors English 9 - Incoming Freshman Information 2019-2020

Vista del Lago High School - English Language Arts

Information for Incoming 9th Grade Students and Parents -- Frequently Asked Questions

- Question:** Is there a test that my child has to take in order to be eligible for Honors English 9?
Answer: No. There is no test that students have to take in order to become eligible for Honors English 9.
- Question:** Is Honors English 8 a prerequisite for Honors English 9?
Answer: No. Students enrolled in English 8 are eligible for Honors English 9.
- Question:** How are students ranked in order for consideration for Honors English 9?
Answer: All students who select Honors English 9 are ranked based on GPA and last grade in English. Vista del Lago will try to open as many sections of Honors English 9 to accommodate as many students as possible.
- Question:** Is there summer reading for Honors English 9?
Answer: Yes. Students enrolled in Honors English 9 will have summer reading. Students will complete dialectical journals and engage in digital discussions of the texts. Students will also read a book over Winter Break 2018, take a close reading exam on the text, and will write a fully drafted essay as one of their first formal assessments in Honors English 9 in January 2020. Summer reading titles and assignments will be made available by May 15th, 2019. Titles and details will be posted on Ms. Rae's webpage - [HERE](#).
- Question:** What is Beginning Composition?
Answer: Beginning Composition is a 9th grade writing course that all freshmen will take during the fall term. The course centers on teaching students the steps of the writing process in relation to the Common Core Writing Standards.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Christina Rae - Vista del Lago High School English Department Chair, at crae@fcusd.org or visit [Ms. Rae's website](#) from the Vista Homepage.