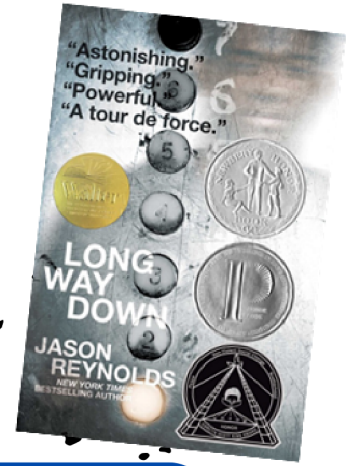


English is a compulsory credit course every year. Grade 9 English is a single-stream course. Four English courses are required to graduate.

The Writer's Craft is a grade 12 creative writing course available to students who pursue the university and college pathways.



GRADE 9 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ENL1W - De-streamed English

This course emphasizes analytic reading, writing, oral communication, and thinking skills that students need for success in secondary school and their daily lives. Students will study and interpret texts from contemporary and historical periods, including plays, short stories, and short essays, and will investigate and create media works. An important focus will be the correct and effective use of spoken and written language.

ENG1L - Locally Developed English

This course provides foundational literacy and communication skills to prepare students for success in their daily lives and in the workplace. This course is organized by strands that develop listening and talking skills, reading and viewing skills, and writing skills. In all strands, the focus is on developing foundational literacy skills and on using language clearly and accurately in a variety of authentic contexts.

The Next Step: Choosing Between Academic or Applied in grade 10.

Academic and applied courses are intended to give students an opportunity to experience two different ways of learning: academic courses draw more heavily on theory and abstract thinking while applied courses focus more on practical application and concrete examples. In addition, both course types lead to certain destinations in grades 11 and 12 such as workplace, college or university bound courses.

Students working with a modified curriculum or not at grade level choose this course. ENG2L is the next step in this workplace pathway.

Consider ENG2D if your child...

- Reads and writes outside of the classroom setting.
- Is a creative thinker and problem solver.
- Possesses strong analytical skills.
- May enter a field that requires university studies.
- Demonstrates strength in reading comprehension.

Consider ENG2P if your child...

- Generally does not read or write outside of the classroom setting.
- Is a literal thinker.
- May enter a field that requires studies in college or an apprenticeship.
- Demonstrate strength in practical reading and writing.

Getting Ready for English at Walkerville

Preparing for Secondary School English Tips

- Become familiar with a good word processing program like Word (available for free to all GECDSD students via Office365), or Pages.
- Encourage reading at home.
- Be aware of due dates for assignments.
- Encourage communication between student and teacher to clarify expectations.



Preparing for the OSSLT

All students are required to successfully pass the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test in order to obtain their diploma. The test is written in grade 10, but skills the students will need to pass the test will be reviewed in all grade 9 courses, including English.

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Poetry Readings

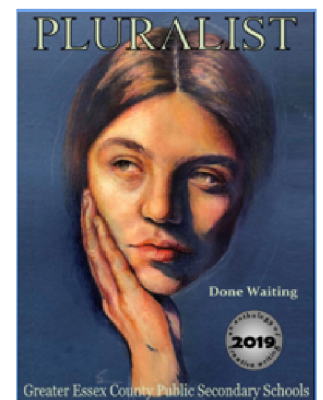
Writers Craft class regularly host poetry readings. Past readings have taken place at Coffee House, Taloola Café and Indigo.

Clubs

Walkerville also offers a Book Club and a Writing Club. This allows students to expand their love of the written word beyond the classroom.

The Pluralist

Walkerville students have had many successful entries in The Pluralist, a publication of poetry, prose, and artwork generated by secondary students in the Greater Essex County District School Board.



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