



# Rutherford High School

English Department

Rutherford, New Jersey

Middle School Open House

October 24, 2024



# English Department

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# Summary of Teaching Staff

The Rutherford High School English Department is comprised of:

- 13 English teachers
  - 3 dual-certified English and Special Education teachers
- 1 Media Specialist
- 2 Clerical Assistants in Library



# Standards- Based Learning



The reading selections and writing topics are selected because they are excellent tools for teaching the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Every assignment is derived from the NJSLs and includes literature as well as informational and non-fiction texts.

Writing genres are varied and often connect directly to the theme of inquiry.

# Summary of Courses

The Rutherford High School English Department offers:

- Four levels of traditional English (100, 200, 300, 400)
- Four levels of honors English (100H, 200H, 300H, 400H)
- Two levels of AP English (AP Language and AP Literature)
- Five levels of remedial English (107, 207, 307, 407, RTI)
- ESL
- Multiple elective courses



# Anchor Texts 2024-2025

English 100 and 100H

Long Form Reading

- Animal Farm
- Romeo and Juliet
- Lord of the Flies
- The Diary of Ma Yan
- A Tale of Two Cities

English 100 and 100H

Short Form Form Reading

- Following the Crowd
- People and the Environment
- Parents and Children



# Anchor Texts 2024-2025

English 200 and 200H

Long Form Reading

- The Crucible
- The Great Gatsby
- Macbeth
- Of Mice and Men

English 200 and 200H

Short Form Reading

- Coming of Age
- Free Speech and Social Media
- Graffiti: Art or Crime?
- Science Fiction and Social Commentary



# Anchor Texts 2024-2025

English 300 and 300H

Long Form Reading

- Spoon River Anthology
- Fences
- Hamlet
- Catcher in the Rye
- Their Eyes Were Watching God

English 300 and 300H

Short Form Reading

- The American Dream
- War Stories
- The Social Contract
- Celebration and Ceremony





# Anchor Texts 2024-2025

English 400 and 400H

Long Form Reading

- Tuesdays with Morrie
- 1984
- The Circle
- The Stranger
- Frankenstein
- Siddhartha

English 400 and 400H

Short Form Reading

- Writing Your Story (Memoir and College Application Essay)
- 1984
- Writing for Life



# Elective Courses

The Rutherford High School English Department offers four elective courses each year.

- Creative Writing
- Journalism in the 21st Century
- Public Speaking
- Writing for College



# Elective Courses

The Rutherford High School English department offers five elective courses that run every other year.

School Year Ends in Odd Number  
(2025)

- Finding Happiness Through Mindfulness
- Ghost and Horror Fiction

School Year Ends in Even Number  
(2026)

- African American Literature
- Sports in Literature
- Theatre



# Electives for College Credit

The Rutherford High School English department also offers the following course eligible for college credit:

- [Writing for College](#) (Bergen Community College - WRT 101)



# Technology

We are a G-Suite School. All teachers use a combination of Google Classroom and printed materials.

All classrooms are equipped with a SMARTBoard

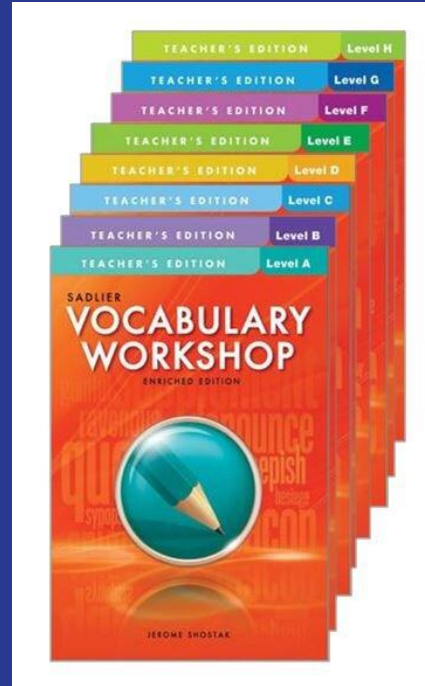
All students have a personal Chromebook.



# Grammar



# Vocabulary



# RHS Library

Our mission is to work collaboratively to engage our school community in a learning space that is open and welcoming to everyone.

RHS Library

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