

**FAME Charter School
Course Description
Creative Writing**

Description:

This course is designed for students who are interested in creative writing. Poetry, description, short stories, children's stories, plays, characterizations, familiar essays, satires, and parodies are possible areas of concentration. Students are expected to write 500 words per week (including a journal), to spend time revising and polishing their work, and to do some outside reading in related areas of each genre. Students are expected to study, learn, and practice the structure and techniques that distinguish different forms of creative writing. The course is designed to encourage students to appreciate the joy of writing and encourage them to gain personal satisfaction from their own creative writing.

Objectives:

- *Discover one's personal style of creative writing
- *Explore and understand different creative writing forms
- *Improve writing mechanics and self-editing skills

Methods of Assessment:

May include but not be limited to:

- *Periodic review of work by independent study teacher
- *Portfolios
- *Parent facilitator observation
- *Graded assignments
- *Written examinations
- *Projects
- *Oral presentation

Curriculum:

Curriculum may be selected from the following:

- Laurel Springs, Creative Writing Text or Online course 9-12th grades
- National Textbook Co., Creative Writing: Forms and Techniques, 1990
- Longman, The Creative Writing Guide: Literary Nonfiction, Fiction and Drama, 1998
- Harcourt Brace, A Contemporary Reader for Creative Writing, 1997
- Bazerman Wiener, Writing Skills Handbook 4th Edition, 1998
- Randall E. Decker, Patterns of Exposition 15th edition
- NDIS, Creative Writing, H EN 2111

Supplemental Materials:

- Goldberg, Natalie, Writing Down the Bones, Freeing the Writer Within, 1986
- Haven, Kendall, WRITE RIGHT! Creative Writing Using Storytelling Techniques, 1999
- Amberg, Jay and Larsen, Mark, The Creative Writing Handbook

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This is a one-year course, 5 credits each semester will be awarded for a passing grade. Creative Writing may be taken as an English elective or as an English alternative course selection in the 11th or 12th grade years.

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