



ISHALL

Intensive Study of
Humanities, Art, Language
and Literature
2015-2016



GATE

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

Audience

Fifty-Five (55) students, grades 7-10, participated in the ISHALL program. Thirty-Five (35) students were female, Twenty (20) male. Sixteen (16) 10th graders, twenty-one (21) 9th graders, fourteen (14) 8th graders, and four (4) 7th graders. Eligibility criteria for ISHALL are: SAT Critical Reading score of 520, or an ACT English score 21 and Critical Reading of 22. They must also complete the ISHALL diagnostic test

Funding

Program funding for ISHALL is provided by student tuition. Financial aid scholarships are available to qualify families through the Dorothy Lawshe Endowment.

Objectives

The program is designed to provide a challenging, accelerated curriculum for highly academically able language arts students. The ISHALL program is designed for participating students in grades 7-10 to learn in two academic years, the content usually assigned to the traditional four-year high school English language arts curriculum. Students completing the program will be prepared to take AP English at their home school.

Description

Students attend class Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 7:45 AM-10:10 AM. A Sunday afternoon study session, staffed by an English TA, are also available for students to receive individualized assistance on their class work. The program content follows the Michigan Department of Education's High School Curriculum Expectations, as well as meets the Common Core national standards. Students also have access to D2L for assignments and for communication with their professor. Instruction for each year of the program is provided by an MSU English professor and an MSU Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures professor. Each class is limited to twenty (20 students).

Parent Comments

"The professor takes interest in the class, and works amazingly with the students. The feedback given is consistent and valuable. The professor helped my student to become a better reader and writer."

"My daughter really enjoys the ISHALL class every week. The conversations are engaging and I'm impressed at the kind of analytic tools she's been able to bring to reading and writing as a result of the program."

"The ISHALL program is an excellent program. My child improved so much in writing, we are so impressed with his skills. It has been a great experience for our child, and we really appreciate the professor for dedication to the students."

Expansion of the ISHALL Program

The 2015-2016 academic year was the first year of the ISHALL-Novi program. Classes were held at the Tollgate Education Center in Novi to serve students in the Southeastern Michigan areas surrounding Novi. Weekly workshops were held at the Novi Library. The first year of the program had 10 students (3 male, 7 female) from 8 different school districts.

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