



# ISHALL

Intensive Studies of  
Humanities, Art, Language  
and Literature  
2016-2017



# GATE

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

## Audience

Fifty-two (52) students, grades 7-11, participated in the ISHALL program. Forty-one (41) students were female, eleven (11) male. Two (2) eleventh graders, twelve (12) 10th graders, eighteen (18) 9th graders, twelve (12) 8th graders, and eight (8) 7th graders. Eligibility criteria for ISHALL are: SAT Critical Reading score of 560, 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. Students can begin the ISHALL program when they are in grades 7-9. The two year program is designed for students to learn the content usually assigned to the traditional four-year high school English language arts curriculum in just two year. Students completing the program will be prepared to take AP English at their 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 feedback on their writing assignments 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.

## Parent Comments

"I liked the rigor of the overall course AND most important, the amount of writing in the course and the excellent feedback from the instructor to the students."

"My daughter's analytical skills increased dramatically, along with her ability to organize her thoughts and express them in her writing."

"I liked the atmosphere of literary camaraderie and critical thinking that the teacher cultivated. It was rewarding to see my son interact with his intellectual peer group for the first time. On the drive home from class we often had stimulating and interesting discussions."

"This program went beyond my expectations on what my daughter would learn and the useful skills she would obtain. She enjoyed the program and the skills will help her throughout her post secondary education and beyond. She has grown in her confidence to write and to write efficiently."

## Expansion of the ISHALL Program

The 2016-2017 academic year was the second year of the ISHALL-Novis 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 program had nine (9) students (5 female, 4 male) from five (5) different school districts.

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