



ISHALL

Intensive Studies of
Humanities, Art, Language
and Literature
2017-2018



GATE

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

Audience

Sixty-two (62) students, grades 7-10, participated in the ISHALL program. Forty-nine (49) students were female, thirteen (13) male. Thirteen (13) 10th graders, twenty two (22) 9th graders, twenty five (25) 8th graders, and two (2) 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

"The level of reading and class discussion about the materials. My child was very engaged and her choice of reading materials on her own has grown and developed. She also finds regular school work easy with her time management and ability to write effectively."

"The instructor really makes the student not just read, but analyze problems from different angles."

"I liked that it didn't expect mediocre work and that it provided an achievable challenge."

"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 2017-2018 academic year was the second 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 program had three (3) students (1 female, 2 male) from three (3) different school districts.

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