

Information about the first class in the SISTEMMA Academy:

Honors English 10 AB

Mrs. Amrhein's English Language Arts Mission Statement

- ❖ Our ELA class intends to be a Linked learning Community, an academic approach to connect interdisciplinary study and community with a focus on rigorous college preparation and career planning through PBL (Project Based Learning).
- ❖ Our class goals are to foster understanding, belief and commitment to our community, each other and ourselves.
- ❖ This means to facilitate a curriculum that is personally engaging, authentic to the real world and globally responsible.

Vision Statement

- ❖ In our class, English Language Arts will be the springboard from which we will examine how the human experience is expressed through literature, language and writing in order to communicate, connect and collaborate on a personal and global level.
- ❖ The context of this vision is to accomplish student success in a safe and encouraging environment, where every student is important and essential to achieving the goals of the entire class.
- ❖ This is to be realized through cooperative, as well as independent learning, in order to apply and showcase student skills holistically, rigorously and creatively.

At the heart of this class is **research and presentation** skill building. This means that students will be given the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and expertise on self-selected topics throughout the year, by which they will ultimately be the teachers of their own peers. Through independent and collaborative Project-Based Learning tasks, they will take on leadership roles, as they delve into the sciences and their relationship to the human spirit.

Additional courses:

10th Grade: Honors English 10AB with Mr. Rodriguez

11th Grade: Filmmaking 1AB with Mr. Rodriguez

12th Grade: Journalism 1AB with Mr. Rodriguez and Digital Imaging1AB with Ms. Santana



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**2016-17 Current Teacher Recommendation
(please do NOT give this back to the student)**

Student Name: _____

Class/Course Name: _____

First Semester Grade: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

The above named student wants to join SISTEMMA, a program that requires a resolute commitment, a consistently positive attitude, constant professionalism, and academic excellence. In your expert opinion, has the student demonstrated evidence that they can consistently handle this kind of responsibility?

_____ YES _____ NO

Comments (please continue on back if necessary)

As part of the process for students to qualify, we are asking you as the instructor to complete and return this recommendation form to Ms. Hollinshead in Counseling by Friday, April 28, 2016. We thank you for your assistance and support of the student applicant and the program!



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