

**Mililani High School
Ninth Grade Honors English**

The Ninth Grade Honors English Class is a course designed for students who excel in English and can go beyond ninth grade standards. It is a project-based course incorporating all areas of language arts, with emphasis on problem solving, critical thinking, creative writing and literary analysis.

The philosophy of this course is to provide a safe, family-like environment for kids to express themselves, to ask questions, and to have intellectual discussions. By having students test in to the Honors course, we create an environment of gifted students, who want to be challenged academically and who are surrounded by peers of similar abilities. Often times, gifted kids placed in regular education classes feel reluctant to express themselves, feeling “weird” or “different.” In this class, a community is built in which students of like abilities are encouraged to think outside the box, to not be afraid to voice opinions, and to encourage and support the freedom of thought of their peers.

Students read challenging, thought-provoking literature which serves as the jumping off point for discussions and projects designed for both groups and individuals. Through these projects, students can express themselves artistically as well as show their insights into themes. Also, there are many fieldtrips exploring theater and art, as well as community service and civic awareness.

All 8th grade students are welcome to participate in the testing process.

Testing for the Mililani High School English Honors Class will take place on the following dates:

Yellow and Red	November 30
Blue and Green	December 7
Make Up for All Tracks	December 14

All testing will take place at 2:30 PM in Room B104 (at the middle school) and will run for approximately one hour. For more information, call Steven Schick at Mililani High School: 627-4354