

LITERARY ARTS PROGRAM



Literary Arts is the study of creative writing and literature. The literary arts program helps each student develop a distinctive voice as a writer as they explore their own ideas and experiences through daily in-class writing. They study and work in all genres—poetry, fiction and nonfiction—and read literature from diverse periods and cultures. Students develop advanced interpretive and critical skills, as well as their own aesthetics. We emphasize the formation of a supportive community and encourage public sharing of work, both spoken and written.

Curriculum:

Our four semester, seminar style program requires formalized study of literature, identifying literary movements and placing them in social and historical context. In response to what is being studied, our students write almost daily and become accustomed to sharing aloud their writing with their peers. They revise much of this work and prepare it for their own portfolios. Students also participate in peer critique circles, collaborate on projects, read their work in a variety of public settings and often compile a collective anthology at the end of the school year. They have the opportunity to pursue creative projects of their own choosing. Graduates from the literary arts program have not only learned to effectively and creatively express themselves through writing, they have also learned to confidently present it in public, and to submit work for publication. Our students learn to make their voices heard. Students participate in 3 – 4 public readings a year and their work is frequently accepted for publication and recognized for its excellence via scholarships and award programs.

Key Concepts:

- Creative development of ideas & aesthetics
- Analysis & interpretation
- Study of literature in a social/historical context
- Portfolio development, public reading and submission of work
- Community creation and nurture

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