CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Course of Study
Recommendation for Adoption

Course: AP English Literature and Composition (0200) **Date: 11/5/2026**

Student Level: **Advanced Placement**

Grade Level: **12**

Characterization of Course of Study:

AP English Literature and Composition is a rigorous, college-level course for Grade 12 students. Students engage in close reading and critical analysis of fiction, poetry, and drama from various periods. Instruction emphasizes how authors use structure, style, themes, figurative language, imagery, and symbolism to create meaning. Students also examine varied critical approaches and the social and historical contexts of literature.

The course is organized into nine units that revisit short fiction, poetry, and longer fiction or drama with increasing complexity. Writing instruction progresses from evidence-based analytical paragraphs to developed literary arguments, emphasizing defensible thesis statements, relevant textual evidence, commentary, coherent reasoning, and revision. AP-style timed essays, multiple-choice and free-response assessments, revised essays, projects, presentations, discussions, and AP Classroom Progress Checks provide evidence of learning. A summer reading requirement is developed annually by each building.

Reasons for Proposed Adoption:

Adoption of the AP English Literature and Composition Course of Study supports a consistent district framework for college-level literary study within the district. The document incorporates College Board course skills and priority and supporting Pennsylvania Core Standards within a nine-unit scope and sequence, with assessment expectations, text-selection guidance, and differentiation and enrichment supports. This framework supports coherent instruction while allowing flexibility in literary selections and developing students' ability to interpret complex texts, construct evidence-based arguments, and prepare for the AP examination and college-level reading and writing.

_____ Principals
(Date of Approval)

_____ Curriculum Committee
(Date of Approval)

_____ The Board of School Directors
(Date of Approval)

Summer and Fall, 2026 Revision Date