

Application for Seal of Excellence – English Department

Student Name _____ Date _____

Goal: The student demonstrates consistent and outstanding achievement in the study and use of English Language Arts.

Requirements for Seal of Excellence

Criteria: A Seal of Excellence supports:

- 1) An appreciation for high-quality writing, reading, and speaking
- 2) The ability to communicate effectively through mature, effective writing and speaking
- 3) An understanding of the impact of rhetoric and literature on our society
- 4) Deep analysis of fiction and nonfiction, particularly in relation to universal ideas and concepts
- 5) Understanding of how informational and literary texts both shape and reflect the history of the human race

To determine qualifications for the Seal, complete the following checklist:

Section 1: English Classes			
English 9 semester 1	English 9 semester 2	½ point for A per semester	
English 10 semester 1	English 10 semester 2	½ point for A per semester	
English 11 semester 1	English 11 semester 2	½ point for A per semester	
English 12 semester 1	English 12 semester 2	½ point for A per semester	
Cambridge FLE semester 1	Cambridge FLE semester 2	1 point for A per semester	
Cambridge Literature semester 1	Cambridge Literature semester 2	1 point for A per semester	
AP Language and Comp semester 1	AP Language and Comp semester 2	1 point for A per semester	
AP Literature and Comp semester 1	AP Literature and Comp semester 2	1 point for A per semester	
DE Writing semester 1	DE Writing semester 2	1 point for A per semester	
Section Subtotal			

Section 2: Exams		
Took the Cambridge FLE Exam	½ point	
Scored 70+ on Cambridge FLE Exam	½ point	
Took the Cambridge Literature Exam	½ point	
Scored of 65+ on Cambridge Literature Exam	½ point	
Took the AP Language Exam	½ point	
Scored of 3+ on AP Language Exam	½ point	
Took the AP Literature Exam	½ point	
Scored of 3+ on AP Literature Exam	½ point	
PSAT score of 920 or above	1 point	
SAT score of 1050 or above	1 point	
ACT score of 24 or above	1 point	
Section Subtotal		
Section 3: Extra-Curriculars		
Placed in a recognized and approved speaking or writing competition (i.e., Poetry Out Loud, Rotary, Three Way Speech)	2 points for each	
Held an executive office for National Honors Society, Student Council, Interact, or another on-campus club	2 points for each	
Be published in a non-school based professional publication (newspaper, magazine, journal, on-line publication)	2 points for each	
Earned a merit-based scholarship	2 points for each	
Section Subtotal		
Total of all points		

To receive the ELA Seal of Excellence, students must accumulate at least **11 total points**.