

Sheltered English 9 is a course designed to refine student reading, writing, and grammar skills as they prepare to transition into a mainstream, grade-level English class. Students will be expected to engage critically with novels from the mainstream curriculum, such as: *Black Boy* by Richard Wright, *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver, *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck, and *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles. Students will write analytical essays to demonstrate high-level comprehension and writing ability. Grammar instruction will occur concurrently with the writing of major essays and assignments. Additionally, students will perfect their spoken English through a variety of verbal presentations, which include debates, fishbowl discussions, and speeches.