



SM South ELA Program Guide

South ELA - Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals

Mission

To provide for all students consistent, high-quality, college and career ready curriculum and instruction



Vision

To develop close reading and critical thinking
To develop writing skills
To develop technological literacy
To develop speaking and presentation skills



Values

Access to guaranteed, viable curriculum
High expectations, voice, and respect for all students
Authentic assessment and individualized feedback
Opportunities for collaboration, support, and enrichment



Goals

To provide an equitable and inclusive educational experience
To provide college and career writing, reading, speaking, and collaborative tasks
To outperform district, state, and nation on ACT and AP exams



South ELA - A History of Excellence

ACT

Outpace State and Nation on ACT English and Reading

AP

Outpace State and Nation on AP Exams

Capstone

Only SMSD School to Offer this Signature Program



Best College Prep Public High Schools in Kansas

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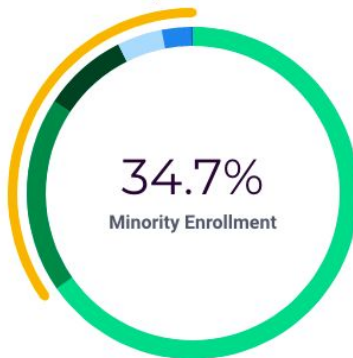


Overall Niche Grade

How are grades calculated?

Data Sources

Student Diversity



34.7% Minority Enrollment

65.3% White

19.0% Hispanic

8.3% Black

4.4% Two or More Races

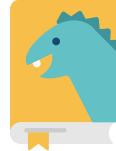
2.8% Asian

0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander is not included in this breakdown due to an enrollment of 0%.

[See ELA Students of the Year](#)

The Story Begins - Your ELA Journey



Core ELA
Pathways to
Graduation
Requirements

1



Elective ELA
Experiences for
Personal
Enrichment and
Career
Development

2



AP Capstone
Opportunities for
Independent
Research and
College
Preparation

3

The Story Begins - Your ELA Journey



Core ELA - Pathways to Graduation Requirements

See [Welcome Letter for Freshmen Students/Parents](#)

See [South ELA Scope and Sequence for Student Experiences](#)

See [SMSD Graduation Requirements](#)

ELA 1 or ELA 1H

Course Code
ELA 1 - 1082
ELA 1H - 1088

1

2

ELA 2 or ELA 2H

Course Code
ELA 2 - 1140
ELA 2H - 1144

ELA 3 or AP English Lang

Course Code
ELA 3 - 1150
AP Lang - 1153

3

4

ELA 4 / AP English Lit / College Now

Course Code
ELA 4 - 1160
AP Lit - 1630
College Now - 1158



[See ELA Course Descriptions](#)

[See College Now Information](#)

Elective ELA - Experiences for Personal Enrichment and Career Development

Journalism

Course Descriptions
[Journalism](#) / [Newspaper](#) /
[Yearbook](#)
[Patriot Twitter](#)
[Heritage Twitter](#)
[Patriot Website](#)



Debate/Speech

Course Descriptions
[Welcome Letter](#)
[Debate](#) / [Competitive](#)
[Speech & Drama](#)
[Debate Website](#)
[Debate Twitter](#)



Broadcast

Course Descriptions
Video Production [1](#) and [2](#)
[KSMS YouTube](#)
[KSMS Twitter](#)

Creative Writing

Course Descriptions
[Writers Workshop](#) /
[Lit Mag](#) / [Slam Poetry](#)
[Silhouettes Twitter](#)
[Lit Mag Twitter](#)



[See South Activities Page for More Information](#)

AP Capstone - Opportunities for Independent Research and College Prep

AP Seminar

An introduction to college-level, independent research for honors elective credit

[See Course Overview](#)

Capstone Diploma

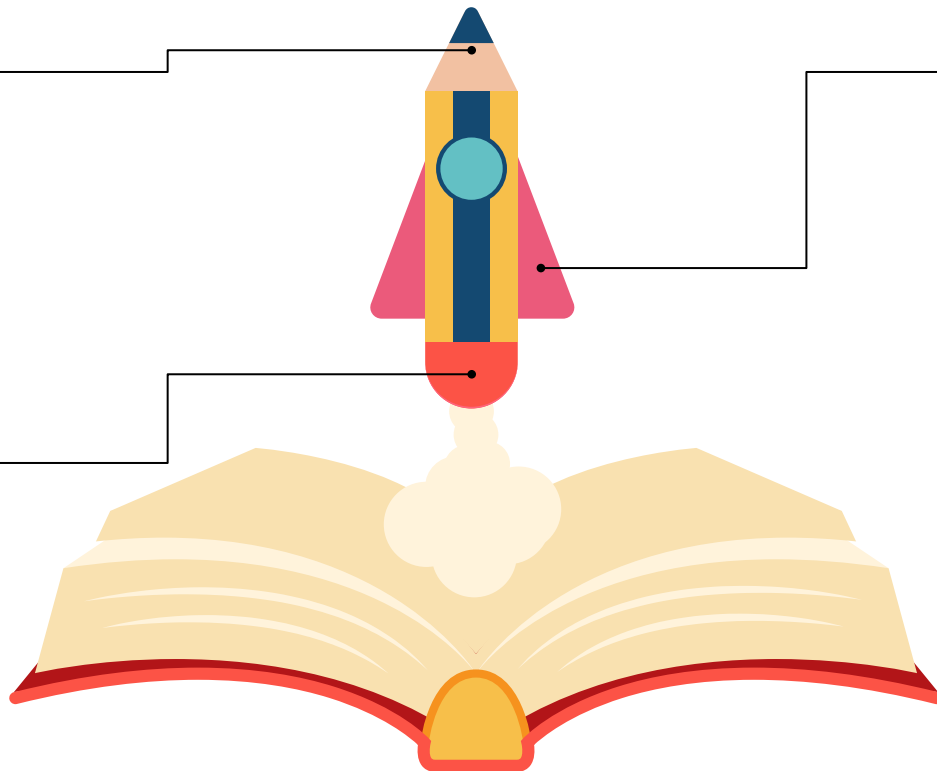
Earn AP credit while developing college-level research, writing, and presentation skills

[See Program Overview](#)

AP Research

A yearlong sustained research project with oral defense for faculty panel

[See Course Overview](#)



South ELA Resources

Curriculum Maps

[ELA 1](#) / [ELA 2](#) /
[ELA 3](#) / [ELA 4](#)

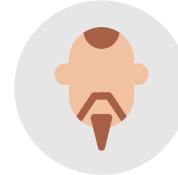


Reading Lists

[SMUSD Approved Novels](#)

AP Courses

[AP English Language](#)
[AP English Literature](#)
[AP Seminar](#)
[AP Research](#)



Graduation Targets

[SMUSD Graduation Requirements](#)
[SMS Course Exploration](#)
[KSDE ELA Parent Guide](#)
[SMUSD Strategic Plan](#)

Performance Rubrics

[AP Lang Essay Rubrics](#)
[AP Lit Essay Rubrics](#)
[AP Seminar IRR Rubric](#)
[AP Seminar IWA Rubric](#)
[AP Seminar TMP Rubric](#)
[AP Seminar IMP Rubric](#)
[Six Trait Writing Rubric](#)



Core Skills

[Key Grammar Terms](#)
(technical skills)
[Key Workplace Skills](#)
(soft skills)

