

<b>Student Name</b>		<b>Date</b>	
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## REQUIREMENTS FOR IRHS ENGLISH SEAL OF EXCELLENCE

**Criteria for English Seal of Excellence:** 1) an appreciation of high-quality writing, reading, thinking and speaking 2) the ability to communicate through sophisticated, effective writing and speaking 3) a complex understanding of the impact of rhetoric and literature on our society 4) in-depth analysis of literary and informational texts that both shape and reflect society.

**Points:** Minimum of 7 total points: 3 from sections 1-3 and 4 from sections 4-8.

<b>SECTION 1</b>	<b>3 semesters from the following courses with an "A" in each semester. 3 semesters (A's) = 1 point. No grade lower than a B.</b>		
	<b>grade received</b>		
	<b>SEM 1</b>	<b>SEM 2</b>	<b>POINT(s)</b>
Honors English 9 or REACH Honors English 9			
Honors English 10 or REACH Honors English 10			
*Verified Equivalent Honors Course (9 or 10)			
<b>SECTION 2</b>	<b>2 semesters from an Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual Enrollment with an "A" 2 semesters = 1 point. No grade lower than a B.</b>		
	<b>grade received</b>		
	<b>SEM 1</b>	<b>SEM 2</b>	<b>POINT(s)</b>
AP Language & Composition			
AP Literature			
Dual Enrollment English 12			
<b>SECTION 3</b>	<b>SCORES ON FOLLOWING EXAMS - 1 POINT PER TEST. No English grade lower than a B.</b>		
			<b>POINT(s)</b>
	*English ACT score of 24 or higher		
	*English SAT score of 650 or higher		
	*National Merit Finalist/Semi-Finalist		
	*AP Language & Literature score of 5		

**ADDITIONAL POINTS**

<b>SECTION 4</b>	<b>*Advanced Placement test results</b>	
	Earned a 3 on AP Language & Composition (1 point)	
	Earned a 3 on AP Literature (1 point)	
	Earned a 4 or 5 on AP Language & Composition (2 points)	
	Earned a 4 or 5 on AP Literature (2 points)	
<b>SECTION 5</b>	<b>IRHS Showcase</b>	
	Earned an “A” in Model UN for 2 semesters (1 point)	
	*Winner of the VHP Integrity Essay (1 point)	
	*VHP Published Interview (1 point)	
	Earned an “A” in Yearbook for 2 semesters (1 point)	
<b>SECTION 6</b>	<b>National Honors Society</b>	
	*Held an executive office for NHS for one year (1 point)	
<b>SECTION 7</b>	<b>Published Writer &amp; Competitions</b>	
	*Published in a non-school professional publication (1 point)	
	*Placed in a writing contest (1 point)	
<b>SECTION 8</b>	<b>*Merit-Based Scholarship (1 point each)</b>	
	<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	

**ATTACH TRANSCRIPT TO THIS APPLICATION.****\*Indicates that independent verification should be ATTACHED to this application.**

<b>Verification</b>	name & signature of academic counselor or department chair	Date	
	name & signature of student:	Date	