

Excellence in Writing – High School

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Class Time: Mondays 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Level 9th-12th grades – elective class (1 hr)

Class Fee: \$45/mo

Supply Fee: \$15/year

Excellence in Writing takes much of the stress out of writing, particularly for the reluctant writer.

- Does your student know how to tackle and execute a cohesive essay?
- Does she need help writing creatively?
- Does your student stare at the blank paper, not knowing where to start?
- Does she write and erase repeatedly, spend hours trying to improve the quality of her writing, or dread the writing process?
- Does your student like to write but doesn't know how to make his sentences more mature?

Excellence in Writing has solutions to help overcome many of the issues that plague the student writer.

Excellence in Writing for High School is geared toward preparation for the writing required in college and on college entrance exams. Stressing modeling and building specific skills that will make immediate improvements to students' writing, this course is focused on essay, creative, and research writing using the Institute for Excellence in Writing's proven techniques. Some of the topics included are the following: essay structure, hooks, introductions, conclusions, research, citations, transitions, and topic/clincher sentences. Students will deepen their skills and learn how to put together an elegant essay, an essential for college. For the beginning writer, this is a great place to start. For the already enthusiastic writer (even one who has used the text before or taken a Student Writing Intensive course), the course will add to their skill "toolbox," helping them fine tune and hone their skills, learning important aspects of structure and style along the way. For more information, see curriculum website: www.excellenceinwriting.com.

Curriculum and Publisher: Institute for Excellence in Writing / Available online at <http://www.excellenceinwriting.com>.

- **The Elegant Essay: Building Blocks for Analytical Writing** (MUST purchase this text).
- **Story Quest**—This text does NOT need to be purchased. I will email parents a file of student work pages for them to print out for their student.
- **Student Resource Notebook** – This text is also supplied by the teacher. It will come in a pdf file that will be emailed to you to get printed at the beginning of the year.

Supply List: 3-ring binder with 5 dividers, thesaurus (preferably electronic), paper, pen, and highlighter

