

COMMUNICATION WRITING & JOURNALISM

PATHWAY DESCRIPTION

Course Offerings/credit (minimum of 3 courses)

<i>AP Language and Composition</i>	1
<i>Writing 104 Concurrent Course through URI</i>	1
<i>AP Literature and Language</i>	1
<i>Creative Writing</i>	.5
Journalism /Publication	.5

Career options

- Journalist/reporter Statistician
- Advertising/copywriter
- Blogger
- Speech Writer
- Technical Writer

Learning Opportunities

Echos and Footprints student work anthology

Lang and Comp - 3 college credits

URI Writing - 3 college credits

AP Lit and Comp - 3 college credits

RIC Writing (concurrent class) - 3 college credits

Students choosing to follow this pathway will be exposed to a variety of forms of writing, from creative writing, to persuasive or argumentative, to expressive, and to informational. Writing is the basis for communication and understanding, whether through the creative writer who touches our emotions, the editorial columnist who changes our viewpoints, the blogger who writes of the world through his particular lens, the objective reporting of the journalist, the business man, the scientist, the lawyer. All need to write clearly and succinctly. This pathway will prepare students for future college studies and for many careers. North Smithfield High School courses introduce and provide experience in academic writing based upon the goal of communicating effectively to a specific audience. Clear, concise writing is the focus of English throughout the four years of study. Courses include an intro-

duction to rhetorical principles, the writing process, research and technologies. A course in Journalism, more aptly referred to as Communications, will be offered. Students also have the opportunity to explore the elements of fiction writing by creating short stories, poems, and plays in a Creative Writing Course. Concurrent college courses in writing are offered for college credit as well as AP Language and Composition. Introduction to Speech and an Introduction to Technical

Writing complete the wealth of writing courses offered.

Students may pursue college majors in the field of communications, creative writing, teaching, business, liberal arts, the law, among many others. The need for clear communication in all fields is sacrosanct.



PATHWAY RECOMMENDATION

Students interested in pursuing a pathway in this area should meet with their guidance counselor to select the best sequence of courses that will satisfy the North Smithfield High School graduation

requirements and at the same time, meet the criteria to receive a seal of concentration in Communication, Writing & Journalism. Students will also develop an Communication related focus

which will culminate in field experience for the required senior project.