

North Smithfield High School's

COMMUNICATION, WRITING, & JOURNALISM

Career
Pathway

Course Offerings/Credits

Minimum of 3 Courses

Speech and Delivery .5

Creative Writing .5

AP Language and
Composition 1

Writing 104 Concurrent
Course through URI 1

AP Literature and
Language 1

*Journalism
Publication 1

*Required

Career Choices

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

Learning Opportunities

- Multimedia Publications
- Trinity Repertory Theatre
- Collaboration with RISD Museum
- The Valley Breeze/Press Releases
- The Writing Center/Tutoring



Pathway Description

Students choosing to follow this pathway will be exposed to a variety of writing styles including creative, argumentative, expressive, and 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.

Pathway Recommendations

Students interested in pursuing a pathway in this area should meet with their guidance counselors 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 a Communication related focus which will culminate in field experience for the required senior project.