



# Brother Rice Fact Sheet



## English

It is the intention of the English Department to introduce BRHS students to classic literature and celebrated contemporary authors. For each grade level, at least one novel is designated for summer reading; two novels are designated for most honors classes. Furthermore, the Brother Rice English curriculum incorporates the following: literary analysis and interpretation, vocabulary, grammar, the MLA format for essays and research papers, presentation skills, discussion, and independent reading.

*The following courses are offered by the English Department:*

**English I:** Systematic study of the various literary genres and comprehensive program in grammar, composition, vocabulary and independent reading

**English II:** Survey of American Literature and continued work in grammar, composition, vocabulary and independent reading

**English III:** Survey of British Literature and its influence on Western thought. Includes advanced work in composition and vocabulary including research paper and practice ACT/SAT tests

**English IV:** Contemporary Literature and Expository Writing in the form of in-class and out-of-class literary analysis and critical essays. Includes short stories, novels, and dramas; close reading exercises, outlines, summaries, and annotated bibliographies

**Journalism/Newspaper:** Students learn both journalistic writing and desktop publishing while producing the *Chieftain*.

**Journalism/Yearbook:** Students learn the principles of page design, copywriting, digital photography, and online production of the *Quest*.

*English Department Faculty belong to:*

- NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association)
- NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English)

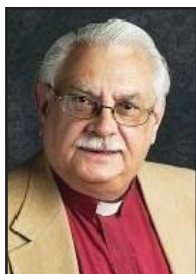
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