

**ST. CHARLES NORTH HIGH SCHOOL
COURSE SYLLABUS**

COURSE: Creative Writers Workshop

COURSE CURRICULUM

COURSE DESCRIPTION: In this course, students will craft several independent creative writing projects. However, students choose their topics and genres (i.e. poetry, plays, comics, lyrics, stories, novelettes, memoirs). You will collaborate with classmates and the instructor to establish your genres, topics, rubrics, deadlines, personalized writing goals and to give/receive feedback. Class time will also focus on mini-writing lessons, warm-up exercises, and individual writing time. You may repeat this course up to four times.

UNITS OF STUDY:

During each class period, you will either be engaging in:

1. Warm-ups to stimulate creativity.
2. Whole or small group lessons on specific writing goals.
3. Small group feedback workshops on your writing.
4. Writing on the computers or by hand.
5. Reading each other's work to prepare for workshops.

During the semester, you will:

1. Pick writing skills you would like to improve by the end of the semester.
2. Design 4 projects in any genre to complete by the end of the semester. The following are samples of projects that I would
3. Design a SKILLS RUBRIC for each project that includes the Writing Skills you will focus on for the current project. Select
4. Take each project through an extensive drafting, work-shopping, revising, and editing process.

TEXT: Supplemental materials provided by the instructor.

GRADING SCALE:

90% – 100%	A
80% - 89%	B
70% - 79%	C
60% - 69%	D
59% or below	F

GRADING RULES:

Assessments Per Project Cycle

Final Product using your rubric	100 points
1 Critique of a Classmate	10 points
2 Skills Exercises/Revisions	20 points
Free Write Completion	10-15 points
Misc. Whole Class Writing Assignments	10-20 points