

A photograph of two young women smiling and holding a bouquet of flowers. The woman on the left has curly hair and is wearing a white hoodie. The woman on the right has long dark hair and is wearing a grey top. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. There are blue circular graphic elements overlaid on the image.

I learned to express
who I really am.

Everyone is welcome here.

I learned how to learn at Cheshire.

VOICES
of Cheshire Academy

“The focus of English courses is to prepare students for college and professional writing. We also keep them reading and get them excited about what it means to read.”



At Cheshire you'll become an experienced reader and writer. In your English classes you will try your hand at everything from nature writing to poetry. You'll spend time in the Writing Center, a sunlit room where teachers work intensively with students.

You'll also learn to write well in other classes, such as when you prepare lab reports. The Writing Across the Curriculum Initiative will teach you to write in all areas of study.

The English teachers are excited about literature, and they'll teach you about the art of a good book. You will read a wide range of literature from the classics to the contemporary, from American authors to international writers.

Ninth graders study the literature of the classical world, including renowned Greek texts. Tenth graders focus on world literature. They read such acclaimed works as *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* and the graphic novel *Persepolis*, Marjane Satrapi's look at her childhood in Iran.

Juniors can take the American Studies course, which the History Department co-teaches. Students read a great work of literature and learn about the history behind it. When they read *Moby Dick*, for example, they learn about whaling. Other juniors enroll in Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition or the American Literature course.

Seniors take reading and writing to a higher level. They can enroll in Honors English IV where they read six genres of writing and then produce their own piece in each style. Other students enroll in Advanced Placement Language and Composition. A highlight of that course is reading and writing film reviews. Or students can select the skill-building College English course.

The English Department sponsors the World Poetry Day celebration. It also brings artists to campus. Past visitors include rapper Baba Brinkman and Yale University's improv group The Purple Crayon.



A PASSION FOR WRITING

Many CA students have a passion for writing and want to share their work with the world. If you're one of them, check out Cheshire's online literary magazine. *Juxtaposition* publishes essays, poems, literary nonfiction, and artwork. You can also sign up for the Humanities Café to read your writing aloud. Or you can submit your work to an outside publication. Cheshire students have published their work in *Connecticut Magazine* and the literary journal *Broken Bridge*.

Diane Cook, Chair of the English Department, is also the Director of the ACCESS CHESHIRE summer program for students entering grades seven through nine.

Fostering Success

passionate pursuit of personal goals



Cheshire teachers recognize each student's potential to achieve in and outside of class. They encourage students to take on challenges and master them. You can pursue the interests you already have and try out new interests.

You may come to campus knowing you love English, for example, and discover you also have a passion for science. Or you may love soccer and decide you also want to swim. There are many opportunities to take electives in your favorite subjects, become a student leader, and join sports teams and clubs.

If the class you are looking for doesn't exist, you can create your own independent course. If a club hasn't been started yet, you can be the leader and get it going.

Each summer students use Cheshire Academy's Venture Grants for innovative projects. You have to apply for a grant and show how your project will benefit you and the school community. In the fall you'll make a presentation about your work. You can learn more at cheshireacademy.org/venturegrants.

In taking a painting independent study, I have been given a lot of one-on-one attention, as well as independence. This has taught me how to take direction and then figure out how to solve a problem on my own.”

Chad was introduced to painting in his freshman Studio Art class. He decided to attend Cheshire Academy because he felt it would teach him how to be more independent.