

**ROSLYN HIGH SCHOOL**

**DEPARTMENT: ENGLISH**

**NAME OF COURSE: COMPOSITION, COMMUNICATION & RESEARCH**

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COURSE**

This course, which was formerly known as Writing Enrichment, is a semester-long class that is designed to teach students the skills that are critical for success in high school, college and beyond. After a brief introduction, the 20 weeks of the class will be divided into the following sections, each 5 weeks in length:

**I. Essential Study Skills for Success in High School**

**II. The Transition from Middle School Writing to High School Writing**

**III. Research Skills Beyond Google and Wikipedia**

**IV. The Power of Public Speaking**

Students will create such artifacts as research essays and short papers, speech and debate presentations and short essays and creative pieces in a variety of genres.

The course is designed to everything possible to help smooth the often challenging transition from 8<sup>th</sup> grade to 9<sup>th</sup>, and students will emerge from the class with a toolbox of skills that will serve them extremely well in the high school setting. Students will receive a numerical grade, which will be determined by performance and participation.