



SEYCOVE at sáyəmətən

Spoken Language 12

In Spoken Language 12, students will focus on not one, but two essential communication skills: writing and public speaking. Students will work on the development of language use in both written and oral communication, with emphasis on confidence building through the effective organization and presentation of ideas, using “writing processes...to improve clarity, effectiveness and impact.” This is a course for students to explore and experience the power of language and is recommended for students excited by the creative, pragmatic, and persuasive use of words. They will be challenged to create speeches for a variety of purposes and audiences, including the study of *rhetoric*—the persuasive use of language in order to participate in a formal debate. The course is taught in seminar format; good attendance is therefore essential for success. Assessment will be based initially on the process of drafting, creating, editing, and revising, with the emphasis gradually shifting to performance as students become more practiced. The final assessment will be the writing and delivery of a valedictory speech.