

# What's the Difference?

## Advanced vs. Regular

### Literature Survey & Composition and Advanced Literature Survey & Composition (grade 9)

- An increased number of analytical essays with a focus on argument, synthesis, and language analysis
- Reading two additional novels throughout the school year
- Introduction to basic rhetorical devices
- Learning course information at a faster pace (ex: a greater amount of reading each night)

### World Literature & Composition and Advanced World Literature & Composition (grade 10)

- An increased number of analytical essays with a focus on argument, synthesis, and language analysis
- Reading two additional novels throughout the school year
- Advanced analysis of rhetorical strategies and literary devices in a variety of literary genres
- Learning course information at a faster pace (ex: a greater amount of reading each night)

### Geometry and Advanced Geometry

- The course moves at a much quicker pace than Geometry
- High volume of independent, outside of class work
- Concepts go more in-depth and require higher level problem solving
- More emphasis on coordinate geometry
- Higher emphasis on proofs throughout the year

### Biology and Advanced Biology

- Cover material with more depth and at a quicker pace
- Complete an additional 2-3 formal lab reports
- Features supplemental reading and writing assignments
- Participate in/conduct more advanced laboratory exercises
- Receive an introduction to plants, animals, and major human physiological systems (nervous, muscular, cardiovascular, etc.)

### Chemistry and Advanced Chemistry

- Topics taught more in-depth than Chemistry
- Faster pace lab activities
- High volume of independent, outside of class work
- Strong emphasis on quantitative calculations of advanced problem solving
- For students planning to later take AP Chemistry

### United States History and Advanced United States History

- The course at times moves at a much quicker pace than United States History and designed for students who view themselves on an advanced social studies path
- In depth analysis and synthesis of primary sources every unit (US 9 practices this once a quarter)
- Multi page essay writing every unit and **significant independent course reading**
- Strong reading and writing skills will benefit overall performance