

Advanced Freshman Language Arts

- Advanced FLA differs from FLA in many aspects: pace, depth, expectations, and rigor. For instance, in FLA, my students would read 2 novels per semester; whereas, in AFLA, my students would study as many as 6 per semester. I assign more formal writing assignments in AFLA, and I grade those assignments with much higher expectations. I also expect that AFLA students have mastered the BVSD LA8 curriculum, including (especially!) the benchmarks from Standard 3 (“Conventions”). If a student lacks adequate preparation in grammar, punctuation, spelling, capitalization, and analytical expository writing, s/he is strongly advised to take FLA. The AFLA syllabus offers no time for English remediation; however, our FLA curriculum provides many opportunities to master these important language-building skills.
- If you want to register for AFLA, simply sign up for it on Infinite Campus; then, carefully follow the steps below.
- Entry into AFLA requires [1] a student application, [2] a writing sample, and [3] a teacher recommendation. All three documents will be available on the BHS website February 26th, 2008.
- Please give the completed application and writing sample, as well as the blank teacher recommendation, to your current language arts teacher before April 1st, 2008. S/He will complete the recommendation and send me all three documents before May 1st, 2008. If I perceive a problem with your application and/or writing sample, I will contact you to discuss your best potential LA placement.
- AFLA also entails a summer-reading assignment, available on the BHS website February 26th, 2008.

If you have any questions that aren't answered on any of the aforementioned documents, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Thanks for choosing Boulder High!

Sincerely,

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