

Bluevale Grade 9 English Comparison Chart

Is the Academic or Applied Stream Right for Me?

Criterion	Applied Level Students....	Academic Level Students....
<i>Reading and Critical Thinking</i>	<p>Rarely reads independently or needs supervision to do so</p> <p>Mostly sees literal meaning in literature and writing. Needs significant guidance to dig deeper into texts and infer meaning</p>	<p>Reads independently when instructed but also on their own time</p> <p>Critical thinking and inferencing skills come naturally to most academic students. Can identify and explain patterns in language</p>
<i>Writing</i>	<p>Needs chunking and a variety of strategies to complete assignments, particularly writing tasks</p> <p>Needs assistance to write in paragraphs and edit and revise written work</p> <p>Is more comfortable with informal, shorter writing tasks</p>	<p>Can organize writing tasks on their own and is confident in their ability to manage time effectively</p> <p>Organizes writing into paragraphs and understands basic punctuation and sentence structure</p> <p>Should be comfortable with the conventions of formal writing and more complex writing tasks</p>
<i>Classroom Environment</i>	<p>Need to move around and be active; may have trouble sitting and focusing for longer periods of time on a lesson/direct instruction</p> <p>Applied level students likely need constant reminders to stay on task when faced with small and large group scenarios</p>	<p>Are comfortable sitting for longer periods of time with teacher-led instruction; can focus on one task for an extended period of time</p> <p>Academic students should be able to be productive while working in small and large groups without constant reminders to stay on task</p>
<i>Recommended Levels of Achievement</i>	<p>The transition to grade 9 can be difficult. It is recommended that people who choose applied English have completed an unmodified grade 8 curriculum with mostly Level 1 and Level 2 marks</p>	<p>The transition to grade 9 can be difficult. It is recommended that people who choose academic English have completed an unmodified grade 8 curriculum with mostly high Level 3 and Level 4 marks</p>
<i>Work Habits</i>	<p>Needs due dates to be firm and constant reminders to submit tasks</p> <p>Needs supervision and/or assistance to complete independent work</p> <p>Needs class time to complete tasks, including reading. Homework rarely gets done</p>	<p>Is driven to meet deadlines and due dates on their own</p> <p>Is very comfortable working independently and quietly</p> <p>Will do homework nightly, including reading and writing tasks</p>